

## ADVANCED MEDICAL DIRECTIVES

### POLICY:

Washington Urology Ambulatory Surgery Center does not honor advance directives.

### PROCEDURE:

- A. At the time of scheduling, patients will be asked if they have an Advanced Medical Directive in effect. Advanced Medical Directives address such issues as living wills and durable powers of attorney. If a patient has an advance directive, a copy will be placed in their surgery chart.
- B. Compliance with the 1990 Patient Self-Determination Act is intended for inpatient hospital admissions, not for outpatient surgery centers. Health care providers at Washington Urology Ambulatory Surgery Center are bound to do all in their power to assure the safe recovery of every patient, including resuscitation and/or stabilization measures if that becomes necessary.
- C. If an adverse event occurs during your treatment at this facility, we will transfer you to an acute care hospital for further evaluation. At the acute care hospital, further treatment or withdrawal of treatment measures already begun will be ordered in accordance with your advance directive or power of attorney.