

Notice of Rights Regarding Advance Directives

An Advance Directive (or Living Will) provides instructions about the level of health care someone wants or does not want in the event they become seriously ill and are unable to speak for themselves. They are used only when an attending healthcare provider determines that someone is in a terminal condition and is no longer able to participate in making decisions regarding medical treatment.

It is the policy of Summit Surgery Center, regardless of the contents of an advance directive or instructions from a healthcare surrogate or power of attorney that if an adverse event occurs during treatment, the Center personnel will initiate resuscitative or other stabilizing measures, and transfer the patient to an acute care hospital for further evaluation.

If you have a completed advance directive, please bring a copy to the center on the day of your procedure. This copy will be made a part of your medical record and will be made available to St. James Healthcare in the rare event of a transfer to the hospital. Advance directives, which are filled out on the date of service at check-in, will not be included in the patient's medical record.

Montana law provides guidelines for completing an advance directive, and also provides for a state-run registry to store advance directives and make them available to healthcare care providers. Advance directive forms are available from the State of Montana as well as Summit Surgery Center.