



## Advance Directives Policy

In an ambulatory care setting where we expect to care for patients who are not acutely ill, admission to the Surgicenter indicates the patient will tolerate the procedure in this setting without difficulty. If a patient should suffer cardiac or respiratory arrest or any life threatening condition, the patient will be transferred to a more acute level of care, that is, the hospital emergency room.

Scottsdale McCormick Ranch Surgicenter will not honor any Advance Directives/Living Wills that do not allow resuscitation. It is the policy of the Surgicenter to transfer any patient requiring resuscitation to the hospital. The hospital can determine when to implement the Advance Directives/Living Will once the patient or others notify them of the Advance Directives/Living Will.

Patients who disagree with this policy must address the issue with the attending physician prior to signing the form acknowledging an understanding of the policy regarding Advance Directives/ Living Wills.

Patients are informed of this policy prior to the date of admission so they have the opportunity to discuss any concerns with the attending physician and/or make arrangements for a change in admission. The Surgicenter will provide information about a Living Will should the patient request this information. Information may include a state provided resource directory for a Living Will, such as a state agency, library or state web site.

It is not required that a patient have a Living Will or Advance Directives. A patient does have the right to have a Living Will, have it placed in the patient's medical record and to discuss this policy with the provider of services.

It is the policy of Scottsdale McCormick Ranch Surgicenter to resuscitate patients and transfer when indicated.