

## TEANECK GASTROENTEROLOGY & ENDOSCOPY CENTER

### ADVANCE DIRECTIVES DISLOSURE

There are several types of Advance Directives, including a Living Will, Health Care Proxy, Do Not Resuscitate

- A. Due to the elective nature of the procedures performed in this Facility, Do Not Resuscitate orders are not honored in the Facility. Patients wishing to maintain their status of Do Not Resuscitate will be given the option of scheduling their procedure in the hospital.
- B. No patient will be discriminated against based on whether or not that individual has executed an Advance Directive.
- C. Written information shall be provided to all adult patients at the time of admission concerning:
  1. An individual's rights under State law to make health care decisions, including the rights to accept or refuse medical or surgical treatment and the right to formulate Advance Directives;
  2. The Center's policy respecting these rights.
- D. Written follow-up information will be provided to all interested adult patients, their families and health care representatives upon admission. Said information shall include information and materials about Advance Directives and a description of the process by which a patient may obtain assistance in the execution of an Advance Directive.
- E. Physicians shall be encouraged to discuss Advance Directives with their patients prior to admission.
- F. Patient and staff education regarding patient rights and Advance Directives will be provided by the Center.
- G. A competent adult may execute an Advance Directive at any time. Once executed, the declarant may revoke an Advance Directive by the following means:
  1. Notification, orally or in writing, to the patient's health care representative (if any), physician, nurse or other health care professional, or other reliable witness, or by any other act evidencing an intent to revoke the document.
  2. Execution of a subsequent Advance Directive.
    - i. An incompetent patient may suspend an Advance Directive by notification, orally or in writing, to the patient's health care representative (if any), physician, nurse or other health care professional, or other reliable witness, or by any other act evidencing an intent to revoke the document.
- H. Valid Advance Directives will become a permanent part of the patient's medical record when made available.
- I. For more information and to download New Jersey's Advance Directive forms, please visit:  
[http://nj.gov/health/healthfacilities/documents/ltc/advance\\_directives.pdf](http://nj.gov/health/healthfacilities/documents/ltc/advance_directives.pdf)