

## ***Dover Surgicenter's Advance Directive Policy***

As a patient, you have the right to participate in your own health care decisions and to make an Advance Directive, or to execute a Power of Attorney that authorizes others to make decisions on your behalf when you are unable to make decisions, or are unable to communicate those decisions. Dover Surgicenter respects and upholds these rights.

However, unlike in an acute care hospital setting, Dover Surgicenter does not routinely perform "high risk" procedures. Most procedures performed in this facility are considered minimal risk. Of course, no procedure is completely without risk. You will discuss the specifics of your procedure with your physician who will advise you about any associated risks, your expected recovery, and care after your surgery.

Therefore, it is our policy, regardless of the contents of an Advance Directive or instructions from a Health Care Surrogate or Power of Attorney, that if an adverse event occurs during your treatment at this facility, we will initiate resuscitative or other stabilizing measures and transfer you to an acute care hospital for further evaluation. The acute care hospital will order further treatment or withdrawal of treatment measures in accordance with your wishes, Advance Directive or Health Care Power of Attorney.

The Delaware Health and Safety Code (Title 16, Chapter 25) includes detailed information related to Advance Directives including revocation of such, sample forms, decisions by guardians, surrogates, obligations of health-care providers, immunities, safeguards, assumptions and presumptions, penalties, capacity, accommodation, effect of copy, recognition of Advance Directives executed in other states, and effect on prior declarations and directives. This information can be accessed at <http://law.justia.com/delaware/codes/title16/c025.html>.

You or your representative will be notified in writing prior to the date of your procedure regarding Dover Surgicenter's Advance Directive Notice policy. The physician's office scheduling your procedure will be responsible for distributing a copy of this written Advance Directive Policy. At the time of admission to the Dover Surgicenter, you will sign the Advance Directive Notice acknowledging you have read and understand this policy.

*Signing the Advance Directive Notice does not invalidate any current Health Care Directive or Health Care Power of Attorney.*

If you do not agree with this policy, your procedure will be rescheduled at another facility.

## **OWNERSHIP DISCLOSURE**

Bayhealth Medical Center, Drs. Richard DuShuttle, Edward Alexander, Wendy Newell, Lawrence Piccioni, Jacob Hanlon, Levente Szalai, Michael Mattern, and Medical Consulting Group Ambulatory Surgery Centers, LLC directly have financial interests and ownership in the Surgery Center.

*You have the right to choose your provider and where your procedure is performed. For any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact your physician.*

## **FINANCIAL RESPONSIBILITIES**

As a patient of Dover Surgicenter, I understand that any co-pays, co-insurance, and/or deductibles, are due prior to having my procedure. I understand that the following provider fees are **NOT INCLUDED** in the surgery center fee and will be billed separately:

- Physician (surgeon) fee
- Anesthesiology fee
- Pathology
- Radiology
- Durable Medical Equipment (splints, braces, slings, etc.)
- Laboratory services

For any questions or concerns, please call toll free: Dover Surgicenter's Billing at 1-866-512-8844.