

Disclosure of Ownership and Advanced Directives Policy

DISCLOSURE OF OWNERSHIP

Suffolk Surgery Center along with its Joint Venture Partner – Northwell Health is a free standing out-patient surgical center. Your physician may also have financial interest in the center. You have the right to choose where you receive medical and surgical services including an entity in which your physician may have a financial relationship.

ADVANCE DIRECTIVES POLICY

- In accordance with N.Y.S. Public Health Law (Article 29-C, section 2981), Suffolk Surgery Center is providing you with information regarding this state law and our policy on Advance Directives, sometimes called a “Health Care Proxy”.
- 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. Suffolk Surgery Center respects and upholds these rights.
- An Advance Directive provides you the ability to designate someone as your healthcare agent. Your healthcare agent will then have authority to make decisions regarding your medical care should you as the patient become incapacitated and unable to make your own decisions. If you request, the Center will provide you with a sample Advance Directive form.
- However, unlike in an acute care hospital setting, the Surgery Center does not routinely perform “high risk” procedures. Most procedures performed in this facility are considered minimal risk. Of course, no surgery 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 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 measure in accordance with your wishes, Advance Directive or Health Care Power of Attorney. Please be advised that we will place a copy of your Advance Directives in your medical record in the unlikely event that you require transfer to a hospital after your procedure.
- At Suffolk Surgery Center, your signed consent indicates that in the event of any unforeseeable complication during your procedure, all resuscitative measures will be instituted. You agree that all resuscitative measures should be initiated.
- If you disagree, you must address this issue with your physician or anesthesiologist prior to signing your consent form and your procedure will be rescheduled at another facility.
- You or your representative will be notified in writing prior to the date of surgery regarding the Center’s Advance Directive 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 Surgery Center, you must sign the Advance Directive Notice acknowledging you have read and understand this policy.