

The Greenwood Endoscopy Center

Clinical Policy Manual

Subject: Advance Directives

Policy: The Greenwood Endoscopy Center may not honor all portions of advance directives (see patient rights). However, each patient shall be asked at the time of interview if they have advance directives. The patient may have a copy placed in their file if they so choose. The Greenwood Endoscopy Center does not formulate advance directives, but if a patient or representative/surrogate desires further information regarding these they will be provided with a current SC pamphlet on advance directives which is kept in the front office.

Be aware that portions of your South Carolina Advance Directives document will not be effective in the event of a medical emergency. Ambulance and hospital emergency department personnel are required to provide cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) unless they are given a separate directive that states otherwise. These directives called “prehospital medical care directives” or “do not resuscitate orders” are designed for people whose poor health gives them little chance of benefiting from CPR. These directives instruct ambulance and hospital emergency personnel not to attempt CPR if your heart or breathing should stop.

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