

Advance Directives

An “Advance directive” is a general term that refers to your oral and written instructions about your future medical care, in the event that you become unable to speak for yourself. In the State of California, all patients have the right to participate in their own health care decisions and to make Advance Directives or to execute Powers of Attorney that authorize others to make decisions on their behalf, based on the patient’s prior expressed wishes, when the patient is unable to make decisions or unable to communicate decisions. Coast Surgery Center respects and upholds those rights.

Coast Surgery Center Advance Directive Policy

The majority of procedures performed at the Surgery Center are considered to be of minimal risk. Of course, no surgery is without risk. You and your surgeon will have discussed the specifics of your procedure and the risks associated with your procedure, the expected recovery and the care after your surgery.

It is the policy of the Surgery Center, regardless of the contents of any advance directive or instructions from a health care surrogate or attorney-in-fact, that if an adverse event occurs during your treatment at the Surgery Center, the personnel at the Surgery Center will initiate resuscitative or other stabilizing measures and transfer you to an acute care hospital for further evaluation. At the acute care hospital further treatment or withdrawal of treatment measures already begun will be ordered in accordance with your wishes, advance directive, or health care power of attorney.

If you wish to complete an Advance Directive, copies of the official State forms are available at:

www.calhealth.org/Download/AdvanceDirective_English.pdf.

www.calhealth.org/Download/AdvanceDirective_Spanish.pdf.