



EYE SURGERY CENTER OF WESTERN OHIO

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INFORMATION SHEET

ADVANCED DIRECTIVES

Definition

Advanced Care Directives are specific instructions, prepared in advance, that are intended to direct a person's medical care if he or she becomes unable to do so in the future.

Alternative Names

Power of Attorney; DNR; Do not resuscitate; Living Will

Information

Advanced Care Directives allow patients to make their own decisions regarding the care they would prefer to receive if they develop a terminal or life threatening injury/condition. Advanced Care Directives can also designate someone the patient trusts to make decisions about medical care if the patient becomes unable to make (or communicate) these decisions.

Federal law requires hospitals, nursing homes and other institutions that receive Medicare or Medicaid funds to provide written information regarding Advanced Care Directives to all patients upon admission.

Discuss your wishes regarding Advanced Care Directives with your health care providers, family members, and friends. Review your wishes from time to time to remind everyone.

STATEMENT OF LIMITATION

The Eye Surgery Center of Western Ohio, LLC respects the right of patients to make informed decisions regarding their care. If a patient becomes unable to make a decision regarding his/her own care, Center staff will consult the Advance Directives, medical power of attorney, or patient representative or surrogate, if available. Due to the outpatient nature of an ambulatory surgery center, this Center has adopted the position that an ambulatory surgery center setting is not the most appropriate setting for end of life decisions. Therefore, it is the policy of this surgery center that if there is a deterioration in the patient's condition during treatment at the surgery center, the personnel at the center will initiate resuscitative or other stabilizing measures and transfer the patient to an acute care hospital. At the acute care hospital, further treatment decisions will be made. If copies of the patient's Advance Directives have been provided to the surgery center, copies will be sent with the patient to the hospital.

If the patient has Advance Directives which have been provided to the surgery center that impact resuscitative measures being taken, we will discuss the treatment plan with the patient and his/her physician to determine the appropriate course of action to be taken regarding the patient's care.

OWNERSHIP STATEMENT

John Pajka, MD and Brian Chinavare, MD have financial interests in the Eye Surgery Center of Western Ohio, LLC.

I have received, prior to today, written and verbal information regarding the Patient Bills of Rights for the Eye Surgery Center of Western Ohio, LLC.

Date: _____ Signature of Responsible Party: _____

PATIENT'S BILL OF RIGHTS

The Board of Managers of Eye Surgery Center of Western Ohio has established this Patient's Bill of Rights as a policy with the expectation that observance of these rights will contribute to more effective patient care and greater satisfaction for the patient, his/her physician, and the group organization. It is recognized that a personal relationship between the physician and the patient is essential for the provision of proper medical care. The traditional physician-patient relationship takes on a new dimension when care is rendered within an organizational structure. Legal precedent has established that the facility itself also has a responsibility to the patient. It is in recognition of these factors that these rights are affirmed.

1. The patient has the right to considerate and respectful care.
2. The patient has the right to obtain from his/her physician complete current information concerning his diagnosis, treatment and prognosis in terms the patient can be reasonably expected to understand. When it is not medically advisable to give such information to the patient, the information should be made available to an appropriate person in his behalf. He has the right to know, by name, the physician responsible for his care.
3. The patient has the right to receive from his physician information necessary to give informed consent prior to the start of any procedure and/or treatment. Except in emergencies, such information for informed consent should include but not necessarily be limited to the specific procedure and/or treatment, the medically significant risks involved, and the probable duration of incapacitation. Where medically significant alternatives for care or treatment exist, or when the patient requests information concerning medical alternatives, the patient has the right to know the name of the person responsible for the procedures and/or treatment.
4. The patient has the right to refuse treatment and/or to change physicians and to be informed of the medical consequences of his action.
5. The patient has the right to every consideration of his privacy concerning his own medical care program. Case discussion, consultation, examination and treatment are confidential and should be conducted discreetly. Those not directly involved in his care must have the permission of the patient to be present.
6. The patient has the right to expect that all communications and records pertaining to his care should be treated as confidential.
7. The patient has the right to expect that within its capacity, the Center will provide evaluation, service and/or referral as indicated by the urgency of the case. When medically permissible, a patient may be transferred to another facility only after he has received complete information and explanation concerning the needs for and alternatives to such a transfer. The institution to which the patient is to be transferred must first have accepted the patient for transfer.
8. The patient has the right to obtain information as to any relationship of this facility to other health care and educational institutions insofar as his care is concerned. The patient has the right to obtain information as to the existence of any professional relationships among individuals, by name, which is treating him.
9. The patient has the right to be advised if the Center proposes to engage in or perform human experimentation affecting his care or treatment. The patient has the right to refuse to participate in such research projects.
10. The patient has the right to expect reasonable continuity of care. He has the right to know in advance what appointment times and physicians are available and where. The patient has the right to expect that this facility will provide a mechanism whereby he is informed by his physician or a delegate of the physician of the patient's continuing health care requirements following discharge.
11. The patient has the right to examine and receive an explanation of his bill regardless of source of payment.
12. The patient has the right to know our facility rules and regulations and how they apply to his conduct as a patient.
13. Complaints may be made at one of the following sources: Ohio Department of Health at: HCComplaints@odh.ohio.gov
Medicare at: <http://www.medicare.gov/claims-and-appeals/medicare-rights/get-help/ombudsman.html>

PATIENT RESPONSIBILITY

1. It is the patient's responsibility to fully participate in decisions involving his/her own health care and to accept the consequences of these decisions if complications occur.
2. The patient is expected to follow up on his/her doctor's instructions and appointments, take medications when prescribed, and ask questions concerning his/her own health care that he/she feels are necessary.
3. The patient is expected to accept financial responsibility for any charges not covered by his/her insurance.
4. The patient is to provide complete and accurate information to the best of his/her ability about his/her health, any medications, and any allergies.
5. The patient shall provide a responsible adult to transport him/her home from the facility and remain with him/her for 24 hours, if required by his/her physician.
6. The patient is expected to inform his/her physician about any living will, medical power of attorney, or other directive that could affect his/her care.
7. The patient should be respectful of all the health care providers and staff as well as other patients.