

## **Advance Directives – Living Will**

It is the policy of Surgery Center (the “Center”), that during the patient’s episode of care at the Center, that if an adverse event occurs during the patient’s stay, based on reasons of conscience, all reasonable efforts will be taken to revive the patient, including resuscitative or other stabilizing measures, regardless of the contents of any advance directive/living will/health care proxy or instructions from a healthcare agent. The Center will ensure that patients are fully informed of this policy prior to receiving any care. We will provide patients with information on applicable State health and safety laws relative to advance directives/living wills. Types of advance directives may include the following:

1. Living Will
2. Durable health care power of attorney

### **Living Will Declaration**

(as taken from The Secretary of State Office, [www.sos.la.gov](http://www.sos.la.gov))

At the direction of the Louisiana Legislature (La. R.S. 40: 1299.58.1-10, Act 382 of 1984, as amended) the Secretary of State’s office maintains a registry of “Living Will” declarations in which any adult person may make a written declaration directing the withholding or withdrawal of life sustaining procedures in the event such person should have a terminal and/or irreversible condition. We accept the original, a multiple original, or a certified copy of the declaration, either from the declaring person or his authorized attorney. When a “Living Will” declaration is filed, a laminated wallet ID card and an engraved “Do Not Resuscitate” bracelet is provided to the declarant, indicating that the “Living Will” declaration is on file in our office. We provide copies of declarations when requested by any attending physician or health care facility. There is a fee to register a declaration, and a fee to file a notice of revocation of a declaration. There is also a fee for a certified copy of a living will declaration.

The Secretary of State Office does not provide forms to prepare a “Specific Medical Procedure” living will and suggests that those who are interested in preparing such should contact an attorney. However, you may download and print a blank declaration form (as provided by the Louisiana Legislature La. R.S. 40: 1151.2). (See attached).

Living Will Declaration form and filing fees should be sent to:

Louisiana Secretary of State  
Publications Division  
P.O. Box 94125  
Baton Rouge, LA 70804-9125  
(225) 922-0900

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