

## **Advance Directive Form**

Policy: Digestive Healthcare Endoscopy Center, (DHEC) is a single specialty Ambulatory Surgical Center and its resources are dedicated solely to endoscopic care. In this outpatient center advanced directives are generally respected but we prioritize immediate life saving measures. While patients have the right to make advanced directives, in the event of emergency, it is Digestive Healthcare of Georgia's policy to initiate resuscitation and transfer to a hospital. If you have an Advanced Directive document, it will become a prominent part of your chart. In the event of a hospital transfer, your Advanced Directive documents will be shared/sent with you to the acute care facility.

Key points about advanced directives in an outpatient Endoscopy setting:

Right to participate: You have the right to participate in healthcare decisions and make an advanced directive.

DHEC policies: Digestive Healthcare of Georgia Endoscopy Center has policies to initiate resuscitation and transfer to a hospital in the case of an adverse event, regardless of the content of advance directives.

Advanced directive may be honored: If a patient is stable after resuscitation and transfer, the hospital will honor the patients advanced directive.

Importance of communication: It is crucial for the patient to discuss their advanced directives with their physicians and ensure the healthcare agent understands their wishes.

No DNR status is implied: An advanced directive is not a DNR order and does not automatically mean a patient does not want resuscitation.

In essence while DHEC acknowledges the patient's right to make advanced directives, DHEC will prioritize immediate life saving measures and transfer of patient to a hospital setting for further treatment and implementation of advanced directives.

I acknowledge that I have received written and verbal notification of physician ownership of this facility, and written copies of patient rights and responsibilities and advance directive paperwork prior to my procedure.