



**THE SURGERY CENTER OF FORT COLLINS
PATIENT INFORMATION SHEET ON
ADVANCE DIRECTIVES**

The Colorado Patient Autonomy Act recognizes a patient's autonomy to accept or reject medical treatment. This autonomy includes the right to establish advance directives and instructions for the administration of medical treatment in the event the person lacks the decisional capacity to provide informed consent to, or refusal of, treatment at a later time ("Advance Directives"). Colorado law establishes different types of Advance Directives which may be used by a patient to exercise his or her decision-making rights. These include Medical Durable Powers of Attorney, Living Wills and CPR Directives.

It is the policy of The Surgery Center of Fort Collins ("SCFC") to respect and uphold the patient's right to make health care decisions and issue Advance Directives. The existence of an Advance Directive, or the lack thereof, will not determine the patient's right to care, treatment, or services at SCFC.

Additional information about Advance Directives is provided in the attached brochure published by the Colorado Bar Association and posted on the internet at <http://www.cobar.org/index.cfm/ID/20160/subID/411/TRUST/Advance-Medical-Directives/>. Other sources of information include the following:

1. **Medical Powers of Attorney:** Colorado Revised Statutes §15-14-506. This statute is available at:
http://www.state.co.us/gov_dir/leg_dir/olls/colorado_revised_statutes.htm
2. **Living Wills:** Colorado Revised Statutes §15-18-104. This statute is available at:
http://www.state.co.us/gov_dir/leg_dir/olls/colorado_revised_statutes.htm
3. **CPR Directives:**
 - a. CPR Directive Information Packet from the Colorado Department of Public Health website:
<http://www.cdphe.state.co.us/em/Operations/AdvanceDirectives/>
 - b. Sample CPR Directive Form posted on the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment website:
<http://www.cdphe.state.co.us/em/Operations/AdvanceDirectives/>

If you have questions about Advance Directives or would like copies of the above-referenced information, please contact the SCFC Admitting Office at 970 494-4800.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION:

1. **The patient is responsible for notifying SCFC of any Advance Directives issued by the patient and for providing SCFC with a copy of such Advance Directives prior to the patient's scheduled procedure.**
2. **If the patient has a CPR Directive but does not wish this Directive to be followed in the ambulatory surgery setting, the patient must notify SCFC and confirm this election in writing.**
3. **This information sheet is provided as a service to the patients of SCFC. This information is summary in nature and is not legal advice. Changes in the law may have occurred since this information sheet was prepared. Patients should consult an attorney about their individual situations and the appropriate documents and procedures for exercising their health care decision-making rights.**