

NOVAMED SURGERY CENTER OF BATON ROUGE, LLC.
d/b/a INTERVENTIONAL PAIN MANAGEMENT CENTER

ADVANCE DIRECTIVES

What are Advanced Directives?

Advanced Directives are legal documents that let you give directions about your future medical care if you become so sick you cannot make decisions. There are two (2) types:

1. Durable Healthcare Power of Attorney

A document that lets you give someone else-usually a close relative or friend-the power to speak for you and make decisions about your healthcare if the time comes when you cannot speak for yourself.

2. Living Will

A document that lets you say what kinds of care you would or would not want if you were nearing the end of your life.

Do you have an Advanced Directive?

All patients have the right to be fully informed about their treatment/procedure and the expected outcome before it is performed and to participate in their own health care decisions as well as make advance directives or execute powers of attorney that authorize others to make decisions on their behalf based on the patient's expressed wishes when the patient is unable to make decisions or unable to communicate decisions. This surgery center respects and upholds those rights. However, unlike in an acute care hospital setting, the surgery center does not routinely perform high-risk procedures. Most procedures are considered to be of minimal risk although no surgery is risk-free. Therefore it is the surgery center's policy that if an adverse event occurs during your treatment, we will initiate resuscitative or other stabilizing measures and transfer you to a higher-level of care facility. The law recognizes the right of competent adults to make advance directive instructions and requires the surgery center to provide patients with written information and official State forms on advance directives if the patient request.