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Piedmont Outpatient Surgery Center (POSC) Advanced Directive Policy

Due to the fact that the burden placed on a person's body during surgery could disrupt the body's vital functions, including but not limited to respiratory and cardiac functions, every attempt will be made to revive a patient if the need occurs during their visit at POSC. This includes but is not limited to medication therapy, intubation, CPR, and/or defibrillation/cardioversion.

Patients will be informed at their pre-op office visit of the POSC advance directive policy. This information will also be included in the Patient's Rights and Responsibilities and will be given to patients in their surgery packet.

Advanced Directives provided by the patient will be placed in the patient's chart, and it will be documented in the chart as well to alert staff of the patient's directive. Should any disruption occur in the body's systems, lifesaving measures will be provided, and the facilities current plan for stability and transfer will be utilized. All supporting documentation for the patient's advanced directives will accompany the patient to the receiving facility and will be provided to any healthcare facility in the event the patient is transferred from POSC to another facility.

Once the patient leaves the recovery room at POSC these advanced directives will be reinstated as previously agreed upon with their primary care physician.