



## **DISC ADVANCED DIRECTIVE POLICY**

### **Advance Directives**

An "Advance Directive" is a general term that refers to your oral and written instructions about your future medical care, in the event that you become unable to speak for yourself. Each state regulates the use of advance directives differently. There are two types of advance directives: a living will and a medical power of attorney. If you would like a copy of the official State advance directive forms, visit:

[http://www.calhealth.org/Download/AdvanceDirective\\_English.pdf](http://www.calhealth.org/Download/AdvanceDirective_English.pdf).

**Or**

[http://www.calhealth.org/Download/AdvanceDirective\\_Spanish.pdf](http://www.calhealth.org/Download/AdvanceDirective_Spanish.pdf)

### **Our Surgery Center's Advance Directive Policy:**

The majority of procedures performed at the Surgery Center are considered to be of minimal risk. Of course, no surgery is without risk. You and your surgeon will have discussed the specifics of your procedure and the risks associated with your procedure, the expected recovery and the care after your surgery.

It is the policy of the Surgery Center, regardless of the contents of any advance directive or instructions from a health care surrogate or attorney in fact, that if an adverse event occurs during your treatment at the Surgery Center, the personnel at the Surgery Center will initiate resuscitative or other stabilizing measures and transfer you to an acute care hospital for further evaluation. At the acute care hospital further treatment or withdrawal of treatment measures already begun will be ordered in accordance with your wishes, advance directive, or health care power of attorney.

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