



## NORTHERN NEW JERSEY CENTER FOR ADVANCED ENDOSCOPY

### ADVANCE DIRECTIVE POLICY

All patients will be informed of the centers policy on Advance Directives and POLST. Acknowledgement of the patient's receipt of this information will be obtained as part of the Informed Consent.

Patients have a right to make decisions about the healthcare they receive now and in the future. An advanced directive is a written statement about how medical decisions are made when the patient can no longer make them. Practitioner Orders for Life-Sustaining Treatment (POLST) are a set of medical orders that give seriously ill or frail elderly patients more control over their end-of-life care.

Based on Medicare Standards the Center will:

- Provide the patient, or as appropriate, the patient's representative in advance of the procedure, with information concerning its policies on advance directives, including a description of applicable State health and safety laws and, if requested, official State advance directive forms and/or POLST forms.
- Inform the patient, or as appropriate, the patient's representative of the patient's right to make informed decisions regarding the patient's care.
- POLST forms must be rescinded by the patient and their ordering physician prior to their procedure. Patients will be provided the opportunity to be referred to a facility that honors POLST
- Document in a prominent part of the patient's current medical record, whether or not the individual has executed an advanced directive.

#### ***Statement of Limitation ASC-Wide Conscious Objection: N.J. Stat. § 26:2H-53***

A private or religiously-affiliated health care institution may develop institutional policies and practices defining circumstances in which it will decline to participate in the withholding or withdrawing of specified measures utilized to sustain life. Such policies and practices shall be written, and shall be properly communicated to patients and their families and health care representatives prior to or upon the patient's admission, or as soon after admission as is practicable.

**Due to the fact that The Northern New Jersey Center for Advanced Endoscopy is an Ambulatory Surgery Center for the purpose of performing elective Endoscopy in a safe and uncomplicated manner, patients are expected to have an excellent outcome. If a patient should have a complication, the center staff will always attempt to resuscitate the patient and transfer that patient to a hospital in the event of deterioration.**

The Administrator, physicians and/ or Nurse Manager will speak with any patient who presents an Advance Directive during registration who has concerns regarding the center's policy.