

## **Advance Directive Policy**

- All patients have the right to participate in their own healthcare decisions and to make advance directive or to execute Power of Attorney that authorizes others to make decisions on their behalf based on the patients expressed wishes when the patient is unable to make decisions or unable to communicate decisions. New Braunfels Surgery Center respects and upholds these rights.
- However, unlike an acute care hospital setting, New Braunfels Surgery Center does not routinely perform “high risk” procedures. Most procedures performed in this facility are considered to be of minimal risk. You will discuss the specifics of your procedure with your physician, who can answer your questions as to the risk involved, your expected recovery, and care, after your surgery.
- **Therefore, it is our policy,** regardless of the content of any advance directive or instructions of a healthcare surrogate or attorney in fact, that if an adverse event occurs during your treatment at this facility, we will initiate resuscitative or other stabilizing measures and transfer you to an acute care hospital for further evaluation. At the acute care hospital, for further treatment or withdrawal of treatment measures already begun will be ordered in accordance with your wishes, advance directive or Healthcare power of attorney.
- Your agreement with the policy does not revoke or invalidate any current healthcare directive or healthcare power of attorney.
- If you do not agree with this policy, we are pleased to assist you in rescheduling your procedure.
- Please visit [www.dshs.state.tx.us/emstraumasystems/dnr.shtm](http://www.dshs.state.tx.us/emstraumasystems/dnr.shtm) for additional information on advance directives.

## **Your Privacy**

- **Your privacy is important to us.** You will be issued a patient ID number at the time of registration for you privacy protection. Please give your patient ID number to the person who will be caring for you and/or driving you home. This will allow us to provide them with updates on the day of your procedure.

Do you have an Advance Directive on file?

\_\_\_ YES

\_\_\_ NO