



BEDFORD AMBULATORY SURGICAL CENTER, LLC

ADVANCE CARE DIRECTIVES POLICY

It is your right to participate and plan for your healthcare needs. But at some point, you may become unable to make your own healthcare decisions. The BASC can provide you with a guide that assists you in creating your own personal advanced care directives, including Durable Power of Attorney and Living Will. This becomes a document that states your preferences about medical care. You do not need one to receive healthcare services from any provider.

Please note this guide is not the same as NH statute (RSA 137-J). You can obtain the statutory forms from NH Revised statutes Annotated 137-J on the Foundation for Healthy Communities website at www.healthynh.com. The guide we can provide is very similar to NH statutes but written in simpler language.

All BASC patients are asked whether they have advance care directives, and if so to bring a copy with them on their date of surgery. If one cannot be produced we will ask for information about where it can be obtained. The Advance Care Directive paperwork will become a permanent part of your medical record. Should any patient need to be transferred to a hospital, the recovery room nurse will be responsible for ensuring the hospital knows where the paperwork may be located.

An Advance Care Directive is not a DNR order (do not resuscitate). The BASC does not recognize DNR orders, and all patients are asked to grant BASC permission in the event of an emergency to perform any procedures considered necessary at that time in order to protect life or health or to enable transfer to a hospital, including, but not limited to, cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) and any other life-sustaining treatment.

If you wish to complete an Advance Directive, copies of the official state forms are available for you at our facility or visit <https://www.healthynh.org/fhc-initiatives/advance-directives-healthcare-decision-coalition.html> for more information. You can also find the information on our website at www.bascnh.com.