



Surgical Care Affiliates
SURGICARE OF JACKSON

ADVANCE DIRECTIVES POLICY

THIS NOTICE DESCRIBES HOW SURGICARE OF JACKSON'S ADVANCE DIRECTIVES POLICY WILL AFFECT YOU DURING YOUR CARE. PLEASE REVIEW IT CAREFULLY.

According to the Mississippi Advance Health-Care Directive, you have the right to refuse medical treatment you do not want, or to request treatment that you do want, in the event you lose the ability to make decisions for yourself. You may do so in a legal document such as a Power of Attorney for Healthcare, Instructions for Healthcare, or a Living Will for Healthcare.

Surgicare of Jackson requests that if you have an Advance Directive/Living Will/Healthcare Proxy, **please bring a copy with you** so we may place it with your medical record. If you are unable to provide a copy of your advance directive, a note will be made in your medical record as to where your advance directive is on file.

When you arrive at Surgicare of Jackson, you will be asked whether or not you have executed an advance directive and your response will be documented in your medical record. If you have executed an advance directive, and provide a copy to the facility, the copy will be placed on your medical record for reference *in the event* that you require transfer to an acute care facility for additional care measures beyond what an ambulatory facility can provide. Surgicare of Jackson wishes to notify you that if there is a need to transfer you to a hospital for additional care, your care needs, including your Advance Directive/Living Will, will be honored at the receiving hospital upon your arrival.

If you are unable to make a decision, the ASC must consult the patients advance directives, medical power of attorney or patient representative or surrogate.

Anytime you have the right to seek alternative care due to Surgicare of Jackson's policy not to honor advance directives.

If you would like further information regarding advance directives, please contact us for sample forms or you can contact the:

Mississippi Department of Health
1-601-359-4929
1-800-948-3090
<http://www.msdh.state.ms.us/aas/html>

OR

Caring Connections
1731 King St., Suite 100
Alexandria, VA 22314
1-800-658-8898
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