

MIDDLESEX ENDOSCOPY CENTER, LLC

ADVANCE DIRECTIVES

POLICY:

MIDDLESEX ENDOSCOPY CENTER respects the rights of its patients to have written directives. When a patient is admitted to MIDDLESEX ENDOSCOPY CENTER he/she should inform his/her caregiver of any or all such documents which the patient has executed and these can be provided for inclusion in the patient's medical record.

Based on conscience, the type of procedures performed at MIDDLESEX ENDOSCOPY CENTER, and under Connecticut. Agencies Regulations Section 19a-580d-9, it is the policy of MIDDLESEX ENDOSCOPY CENTER to resuscitate all patients who suffer a cardiac or respiratory arrest or other life threatening event while at the facility owned and operated by MIDDLESEX ENDOSCOPY CENTER and, if warranted, the patient will be transferred to an acute care hospital. A copy of the patients Advance Directive will be forwarded to the acute care hospital with the patient.

PROCEDURE:

All patients who present with an Advance Directive containing a DO NOT RESUSITATE order will be asked to sign a waiver to suspend the DO NOT RESUSITATE component of their Advance Directive while at MIDDLESEX ENDOSCOPY CENTER.

MIDDLESEX ENDOSCOPY CENTER recognizes that patients have the right to refuse the suspension of their DO NOT RESUSITATE order. Under that condition, MIDDLESEX ENDOSCOPY CENTER will take all reasonable and timely steps to transfer care to a center able to provide the care and carry out the patient's full Advance Directive.

The MIDDLESEX ENDOSCOPY CENTER Advance Directive policy will be posted in the facility waiting room and a copy of the center's Advance Directive Policy will be provided to all patients prior to their procedure. All patients will be asked if they have received a copy of the Advance Directive Policy prior to the procedure and if they understood the Advance Directive Policy. Additional information or clarification about Advance Directives, or the MIDDLESEX ENDOSCOPY CENTER Advance Directive policy, will be provided to any patient if needed.

If you have executed an Advance Directive (Do Not Resuscitate) please bring a copy with you on the day of procedure.