

ADVANCE DIRECTIVES

An "Advance Directive" is a general term that refers to your instructions regarding your medical care if you become unable to voice these instructions yourself. Each state regulates advance directives differently. New Jersey state laws regarding Advanced Directives are found in the New Jersey Statutes, Sec. 26:2H-56.

In the state of New Jersey, you have the right to make health care decisions regarding the medical care you receive.

- If you do not want certain treatments, you have the right to tell your physician that you do not want them and to have your wishes followed.
- You also have the right to receive information from your physician to assist you in reaching a decision regarding the medical care that is to be provided to you.
- You have the right to informed decision making regarding your care, including information regarding Advance Directives and this Center's policy on Advance Directives.
- Applicable state forms will be provided to you upon request.
- A member of our staff will address Advance Directives with you and/or your representative or surrogate prior to the procedure or surgery being performed.

Bariatric + Specialty Surgery Center of Paramus respects the right of patients to make informed decisions regarding their care. The Center has adopted the position that an ambulatory surgery center (ASC) is not the most appropriate setting for end-of-life decisions. Therefore, and in accordance with New Jersey Statutes, Sec. 26:2H-56, it is our policy that in the absence of an applicable, properly executed Advance Directive, if there is deterioration in your condition during treatment at the Bariatric + Specialty Surgery Center of Paramus, the personnel at the Center will initiate resuscitative or other stabilizing measures. If necessary, you will then be transferred to an acute care hospital, where further treatment decisions will be made. The Center will make every reasonable attempt to obtain and file Advance Directive documents in your medical record. Should an emergency transfer occur, this information will be copied and sent with you to the hospital, along with applicable documentation from your medical record. If you have Advance Directives that impact resuscitative measures, and this information has been provided to the Center, we will determine the appropriate course of action to be taken regarding your care with you and your physician.

For Additional Information Regarding Advance Directives:

<https://www.nj.gov/health/advancedirective/ad/what-is/>

<https://www.nj.gov/health/advancedirective/ad/forums-faqs/>

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