



## Information Regarding Advance Directives

An "advance health care directive" or "living will" lets your physician, family and friends know your health care preferences, including the types of special treatment you want or don't want at the end of life.

By considering your options early, you can ensure the quality of life that is important to you and avoid having your family "guess" your wishes or having to make critical medical care decisions for you under stress or in emotional turmoil.

This legal document describes how you feel about care intended to sustain life. You can accept or refuse medical care. There are many issues to address, including but not limited to:

- The use of life sustaining machinery (Ventilators, Dialysis)
- Whether or not you want to be resuscitated if breathing or heartbeat stops
- Tube feeding and other life sustaining processes
- Organ or tissue donation

A durable power of attorney for health care is another legal document that names your health care proxy. Your proxy is someone you trust to make health decisions if you are unable to do so.

While all of these documents play a very important role in how healthcare decisions are made on your behalf, it is the policy of Marin Specialty Surgery Center that we **DO NOT** honor Advance Directives during your episode of care at our facility.

If you have completed Advance Directive, please bring it with you for your visit to Marin Specialty Surgery Center and we will place it in your medical record for reference in the unlikely event you are transferred to the hospital.

If you do not have an Advance Directive and would like more information please contact our office at 415-461-4400. or...

...see the California Office of the Attorney General's Websites:

- [http://www.ag.ca.gov/consumers/general/adv\\_hc\\_dir.php](http://www.ag.ca.gov/consumers/general/adv_hc_dir.php)
- <http://ag.ca.gov/consumers/pdf/AHCDS1.pdf>

...contact the U.S. Living Will Registry

- <http://uslivingwillregistry.com/contact.shtm>

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