

<b>Policies and Procedures:</b>		<b>POCONO AMBULATORY SURGERY CENTER, LP</b>	
<b>Book:</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>Policy Name:</b>	<b>ADVANCED DIRECTIVE/ (LIVING WILL)</b>
<b>Heading:</b>	<b>Effective Date:</b>	<b>Reviewed Date:</b>	<b>Revised Date:</b>
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**STATEMENT:** In the ambulatory surgery center setting, if a patient should suffer a cardiac or respiratory arrest, or any other life threatening situation, the Center will institute resuscitation and transfer to a higher level of care.

**POLICY:**

In the event of an emergency situation patients in the ASC will be treated in accordance with PASC's policy for emergency procedures. Patients with the request for no emergency intervention, in the form of a Living Will or Advanced Directives will be informed of this at the time of the PSS (Pre Surgical Screening) or at scheduling in for Endoscopy and Laser eye patients.

**PROCEDURE:**

Cases scheduled at the ASC will be within the guidelines established by the American Society of Anesthesiologists for class one, class two, and class three patients per ASC policy. The expected outcome for patients admitted to the ASC under these guidelines is successful completion of surgery with recovery.

At the time of the PSS (pre-surgical screening), patients are informed about the possibility of emergency situations and sign a form which allows the appropriate treatment; Endoscopy and Laser eye patients will be given a copy of this policy in their doctors office when scheduled. If patients are not in agreement to this policy, the anesthesiologist will be informed. The anesthesiologist will discuss the situation with the patient and also the surgeon if need be. The place of scheduling will then be in accordance with patient's request, with the understanding that the ASC will not honor DNR via Living Will or Advanced Directive.

All patients who proceed with surgery through the ASC will then be treated as an emergency situation.

If the patient has a Living Will/Advanced Directive, established at PSS, it will be documented on the information sheet and every effort will be made to obtain a copy to be placed on the chart. In the event of a transfer to the hospital, the hospital will be informed of the living will. The hospital will then take the proper steps.

Patients who want further information regarding Advanced Directives or Living Wills may contact the area Office of Aging thru the Pennsylvania Department of Health or via the web at [www.aging.state.pa.us](http://www.aging.state.pa.us)

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