



## ADVANCE DIRECTIVE

An Advance Directive is a document that states what kinds of treatment you do or do not want to receive should you become incapacitated and/or names another person to make those decisions for you.

An advance directive may include a proxy directive or an instruction directive, or both. (N.J.A.C. 8:43A1.3).

For more information on Advance Directives, please visit the following website:  
<https://www.nj.gov/health/advancedirective/>

Applicable state forms will be provided upon request.

Please note that the **Center does Not Honor DNR Orders (Do not resuscitate orders)**. The Gastro Surgi Center of New Jersey is not an acute care facility; therefore, regardless of the contents of any advanced directive or instructions from a health care surrogate, if an adverse event occurs during treatment, patients will be stabilized and transferred to a hospital where the decision to continue or terminate emergency measures can be made by the physician and family.

If the facility has been provided, a copy of the patient's Advanced Directives it will be sent to the acute care facility with the patient. If the patient or patient's representative wants their Advance Directives to be honored, the patient will be offered care at another facility that will comply with those wishes.

Please contact our staff if you have any questions. Other types of planning documents information can be found at: <http://www.agingwithdignity.org/five-wishes.php> [http://www.lifeissues.org/euthanasia/pdf/your\\_life\\_your\\_choices.pdf](http://www.lifeissues.org/euthanasia/pdf/your_life_your_choices.pdf)

IF YOU have an advance directive or POLST (Physician Orders for Life Sustaining Treatment) please bring the document to the center at the time of your appointment.