

# Willoughby Surgery Center

## ADVANCED DIRECTIVES-LIVING WILL

If you have an advance directive or living will, please bring a copy of it with you to the center on the day of your procedure. While you are a patient at Willoughby Surgery Center, your Advanced Directive will not be honored. Should you be transferred to a hospital, a copy of your Advanced Directive will be sent with you.

An Advanced Directive or Living will is used by an individual to indicate their voluntary, informed voice of accepting, rejecting, or choosing among alternative courses of medical treatment.

An Advance Directive or Living Will is a document which allows you to give written instructions to those caring for you indicating the type of health care you would wish to receive or reject in the event you become unable to express these decisions yourself.

There are three different types of Advance Directives:

**1. A Proxy Directive-POA**

This is a document in which a competent adult names a trusted relative or friend to make health care decisions on their behalf when they are unable to make these decisions.

**2. An Instruction Directive-Living Will**

In this document, the person writing it provides written instructions concerning the type of medical treatment they want or do not want performed for them and under what circumstances.

**3. A Combined Directive**

In this document, a competent adult states their general wishes regarding the kind of health care they wish to receive but appoints a trusted relative or friend to carry them out.

If you wish to receive information about Advance Directives you can contact:

**Ohio Legal Rights Services**  
**50 West Broad Street, Suite 1400**  
**Columbus, Ohio 43215-5923**  
**Ph-614-466-7264 or 1-800-282-9181**

Do you have an **ADVANCE DIRECTIVE** or **LIVING WILL** \_\_\_ **YES** \_\_\_ **NO**  
If yes, please bring it to the center prior to your scheduled procedure.

Patients Signature indicating awareness of above: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_