

ADVANCE DIRECTIVES

By use of various documents known as Advance Directives, patients in Indiana may make arrangements relating to their medical care in the event that they are no longer able to make such decisions personally. If you have internet access go to <http://www.in.gov/isdh/files/advanceddirectives.pdf> for information from the State of Indiana regarding Advance Directives.

LIVING WILL: A document which declares the individual's desire to refuse life-prolonging procedures (or in some instances, other care), and the individual's choice as to whether he/she wishes to receive artificially supplied nutrition and hydration, in the event of terminal illness.

LIFE-PROLONGING PROCEDURES DECLARATION: A document that allows a patient to mandate that they receive all medical procedures necessary to prolong their life in the event that the patient is found to have an incurable injury, disease, or terminal illness.

APPOINTMENT OF HEALTH CARE REPRESENTATIVE: A document that permits a competent patient to name another person (or in some instances an alternate as well), to make medical decisions in the event that the patient becomes unable to make such decisions personally. An individual who has been appointed as a Health Care Representative will not be held financially liable for the cost of any health care consented to for the patient solely by virtue of the appointment.

NOTE: Information on the above will be provided to patients at their request. However, due to the elective nature of the procedures performed at IMA Endoscopy SurgiCenter, it is the policy of this facility not to acknowledge advance directives.

Upon arrival at IMA Endoscopy SurgiCenter you will be asked to sign a document stating that you received this information prior to the date of your procedure.