

Worcester Surgical Center
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DNR (Do Not Resuscitate) ADVANCED DIRECTIVES

The Worcester Surgical Center does elective, day surgery, and as such does not acknowledge Advance Directives.

All patients who choose to utilize the facility should give their Advanced Directives paperwork to a responsible party, in the case of transfer to an area hospital.

PATIENT RIGHTS & RESPONSIBILITIES

The Patient Has The Right To:

- Receive the care necessary to help regain or maintain his/her maximum state of health and, if necessary, cope with death.
- Expect personnel who care for the patient to be friendly, considerate, respectful and qualified through education and experience, and perform the services for which they are responsible with the highest quality of service.
- Complete information, to the extent known by the physician, regarding diagnosis, treatment and prognosis, as well as alternative treatments or procedures and the possible risks and side effects associated with treatment.
- Be fully informed of the scope of services available at the facility, provisions for after-hours and emergency care, and related fees for services rendered.
- Be a participant in decisions regarding the intensity and scope of treatment. If the patient is unable to participate in those decisions, the patient's designated representative or other legally designated person shall exercise the patient's rights.
- Pain management activities that are provided with an overriding concern for the patient and with recognition of the patient's dignity as a human being.
- Refuse treatment to the extent permitted by law and to be informed of the medical consequences of such a refusal. The patient accepts responsibility for his/her actions should he/she refuse treatment or not follow instructions of the physician or facility.
- Approve or refuse the release of medical records to any individual outside the facility, except in the case of transfer to another health facility, or as required by law or third-party contract.
- Be informed of any human experimentation or other research/educational projects affecting his/her care or treatment and can refuse participation in such experimentation or research without compromise to the patient's usual care.
- Express grievance or complaints and suggestions at any time.
- Change primary or specialty physicians or dentist if other qualified physicians or dentists are available.
- Be fully informed before any transfer to another facility or organization.
- Express those spiritual beliefs and cultural practices that do not harm others or interfere with the planned course of medical therapy for the patient.

The Patient is Responsible For:

- Being considerate of other patients and personnel and for assisting in the control of noise, smoking, and other distractions.
- Respecting the property of others and the facility.
- Reporting whether he/she clearly understands the planned course of treatment and what is expected of him/her.
- Keeping appointments and, when unable to do so for any reason, for notifying the facility and the physician.
- Providing care givers with the most accurate and complete information regarding present complaints, past illnesses and hospitalizations, medications, unexpected changes in the patient's condition or any other patient health matters.
- Observing prescribed rules of the facility during his/her stay and treatment and, if instructions are not followed, forfeiting the right to care at the facility and being responsible for the outcome.
- Promptly fulfilling his/her financial obligations to the facility.