



Bone and Joint Institute of Tennessee Surgery Center	
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POLICY:

The Surgery Center recognizes the right of each patient to have an Advanced Directive, a Durable Power of Attorney for Health Care, or both. Regardless of the presence of a Living Will, it is the policy of the surgery center to resuscitate and stabilize **all** patients and transfer them to a higher level of care. The following guidelines will be utilized.

PROCEDURE:

- I. Patients will be asked during the preoperative interview when completing One Medical Passport or speaking with a nurse if they have an Advanced Directive or a Durable Power of Attorney for Health Care. If present, the patient is instructed to bring documents with them the day of surgery.
- II. At registration, all patients will be asked if they have an Advanced Directive, a Durable Power of Attorney for Health Care and if they have any questions.
 - A. If such a document is presented to the surgery center:
 - i A copy is maintained in the medical record, and if needed, one is sent upon patient transfer to the admitting facility. The second copy is retained in the medical record indefinitely
 - ii A copy of the "Tennessee State Living Will" will be made available to the patient if the patient requests it.