

Rights of Patients in a Licensed Ambulatory Surgical Center

1. Patients shall be treated with respect, consideration, and dignity without regard to race, religion, national origin, sex, age, disability, marital status, or source of payment.
2. Patients shall be provided appropriate privacy.
3. Patients' disclosures and records shall be treated confidentially and, except when authorized by law, patients shall be given the opportunity to approve or refuse their release. Patients are entitled to access to their individual clinical records.
4. Patients shall be provided, to the degree known, appropriate information concerning their diagnosis, treatment, and prognosis in language that the individual can understand. When it is medically inadvisable to give such information to a patient, the information shall be provided to a person designated by the patient or to a legally authorized person.
5. Patients shall be given the opportunity to participate in decisions involving their health care, except when such participation is contraindicated for medical reasons.
6. Information shall be available to patients and staff concerning:
 - (a) Patient rights:
 - To refuse to participate in experimental research
 - To participate in the development of an individualized plan of care
 - To know their treatment and physician options
 - To be fully informed about a treatment or procedure and the expected outcome before it is performed
 - To make informed decisions regarding their care
 - To refuse medical treatment after they have been advised and acknowledge their understanding of the possible consequences of refusing treatment
 - To make a living will or be executing a directive under the Natural Death Act (Chapter 672, Health and Safety Code); to execute a durable power of attorney for health care under Chapter 135, Civil Practice and Remedies code, and/or to designate a guardian in advance of need to make decisions regarding the individual's health care should the individual become incapacitated. (Added by Acts 1983, 68th Leg., p. 4149, ch. 936, Sec. 1, eff. Sept. 1, 1983. Amended by Acts 1997, 75th Leg., eff. Sept. 1, 1997.)
 - To receive in advance a copy of these rights
 - To receive in advance a disclosure of financial interests
 - To receive in advance information regarding the center's policy on advance directives
 - To be provided copies of the official State advance directive forms
 - To exercise his or her rights without being subjected to discrimination or reprisal
 - To voice grievances regarding treatment or care that is (or fails to be) furnished
 - To personal privacy
 - To receive care in a safe setting
 - To be free from all forms of abuse or harassment
 - (b) Patient conduct and responsibilities:
 - A patient is expected to make the Center aware of any concerns.** Please ask us if we can clarify or explain anything additionally.
 - A patient is expected to inform the Center of any changes in your conditions and comfort.**
 - A patient is expected to follow the care plan that you and your physician have agreed upon, including follow-up care.**
 - A patient is expected to observe Center policies adopted for safety and to comply with applicable laws and regulations, such as our smoke-free building policy.**
 - A patient is expected to provide the Center with a valid copy of any advance directive, living will, or "Do Not Resuscitate" Orders.**
 - A patient is expected to make arrangements for someone else to drive them home after their procedure.**
 - (c) Services available at the Center
 - (d) After-hours care and emergency care: **Please call your physician for any questions or follow-up.**
 - (e) Fee for services
 - (f) Payment policies
 - (g) Patients have the right to refuse to participate in experimental research
 - (h) If, for any reason, you have a concern or complaint-**please inform any staff member or ask for the Administrator/Director of Nurses.** If you still need additional information about our obligations as a licensed ambulatory surgical center or want to discuss our performance in meeting them, you may write or phone the Texas Department of Health, Section for Health Facility Licensure and Certification:
 - 1100 West 49th Street, Austin, TX 78756, (512) 458-7245 or ((800) 228-1570
 - Alternatively, you may contact the Office of Medicare Ombudsman via www.medicare.gov/ombudsman/resources.asp
 - Your inquiry will be treated confidentially.
7. All marketing or advertising regarding the competence and/or capabilities of the Center will not be misleading to patients.
8. Patients will be informed that transfer or discharge to another facility can occur if the transfer or discharge is for the individual's welfare, if the patient's needs cannot be met by the person providing services or by the facility, or if the patient's health and safety or the health and safety of another individual would be endangered if the transfer or discharge was not made.

Specialty Surgery Center Mandatory Disclosures

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Advance Directive Policy:

- Specialty Surgery Center will honor a patient's advance directive when provided to the center in advance of surgery. If the patient does not provide a copy of their advance directive, or does not have one, the center will initiate resuscitation in the unlikely event that it is needed

Advance Directive/DNR Order: Yes / No

Ownership of Specialty Surgery Center

- Edward Hurst - 100%

Patient Signature

Date

Advance Directive/DNR order provided by patient: Yes / No / N/A