

# THE HAND CENTER

## ADVANCE DIRECTIVES:

The Ohio Department of Health strongly recommends that individuals have a document that carefully sets out what their wishes are for end of life medical care and/or who should make medical decisions if the individual is unable to decide for themselves. This document is called an Advance Directive. It helps others give you the care you would want when you cannot make health care decisions. Official State advance directive forms are also available at our surgery center.

Unlike in an acute care hospital setting, the surgery center does not routinely perform “high risk” procedures. Most procedures performed in this facility are considered to be of minimal risk. Therefore, it is our policy, regardless of the contents of any advance directive or instructions from a health care surrogate or attorney in fact, that if an adverse event occurs during your treatment at this facility we will initiate resuscitative or other stabilizing measures and transfer you to an acute care hospital for further evaluation. At the acute care hospital further treatment, or withdrawal of treatment measures already begun, will be ordered in accordance with your wishes, advance directive or health care power of attorney.