

Iowa Endoscopy Center
Advance Directive Information

Advance Directives are legal documents that allow you to decide now what type of medical care you would like to receive if you ever become unable to speak for yourself.

Iowa statutory law provides for three types of Advance Directives: (Iowa Medical Society Office of Legal Affairs)

1) **Life-Sustaining Procedures (Living Will) Act:** allows an adult individual to direct future decisions regarding the withholding or withdrawal of life-sustaining procedures in the event the individual is in a terminal medical condition and is not competent. (Iowa Code chapter 144A)

2) **Durable Power of Attorney for Health Care:** is executed by an adult individual for purposes of authorizing another individual, called the “attorney in fact” to make health care decisions on the individual’s behalf in the event the individual, called “the principal,” is unable, in the judgment of the attending physician, to make health care decisions. (Iowa Code chapter 144B)

3) **Out-of-Hospital Do-Not-Resuscitate Order:** is a written order by a physician that directs the withholding or withdrawal of resuscitation when an adult patient in a terminal condition is outside the hospital. (Iowa Code chapter 144A, particularly section 144A.7A; Iowa Administrative Code chapter 641-142))

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Advance Directive Policy

It is the policy of Iowa Endoscopy Center to not honor an “Out-of-Hospital Do-Not Resuscitate Order” during the entire course of a patient’s admission to this Facility.

If you have executed an “Out-of-Hospital Do-Not Resuscitate Order” and want it to be honored during this admission; notify your physician and he/she shall take all reasonable steps to transfer you to another Facility that will comply with your wishes.
(Iowa Code chapter 144A, particularly section 144A.8)

If an emergency occurs during your stay at this Facility, Iowa Endoscopy Center staff will always attempt to resuscitate you prior to transfer to a hospital. If there is an emergency transfer to the hospital and you provided us with a copy of your Advance Directive; Iowa Endoscopy Center Facility staff will send a copy of your Advance Directive with you to the hospital.