

MAKING YOUR WISHES KNOWN

Advanced Directives are documents that allow patients to give direction about future medical care.

Types of Advanced Directives:

- **Living Will** is written instructions explaining wishes regarding healthcare should the patient have a terminal condition
- **Durable Power of Attorney** is a written document naming a person to make decisions for the patient if the patient becomes unable to do so

All patients are instructed to bring a copy of their Advanced Directives the day of surgery. If provided, a copy will be placed in the patient's medical record in the event of a transfer to another facility.

We will make available to you, an Advanced Directive packet for Tennessee State residents. If you are not a Tennessee resident, please refer to your states website for more detailed information. You may utilize www.caringinfo.org

East Memphis Surgery Center will attempt to honor your Advanced Directive to the best of our ability. For reasons of conscience, we will attempt to resuscitate and transfer you to a higher level of care any time there is deterioration in your health status.