



Frederick Endoscopy Center Policy on Advanced Directives

Welcome to the Frederick Endoscopy Center. In advance of your procedure, we are required to provide you the following information regarding our Advanced Directives Policy. In Maryland, the Health Care Decisions Act enables you to do health care planning through Advanced Directives. All patients have the right to participate in their own health care decisions and to make Advanced Directives. For more information regarding Advanced Directives in Maryland please go to <http://www.oag.state.md.us/healthpol/hcda.htm>.

Frederick Endoscopy Center respects and upholds these rights, however, due to the nature of the services we offer, Advanced Directives are not applicable in this healthcare setting. Our Center performs elective procedures that are considered low risk. However, if an adverse event occurs, Frederick Endoscopy Center will initiate resuscitative and/or stabilizing measures in preparation for immediate transfer to the closest local hospital or Holy Cross Germantown. If a transfer occurs, and if a copy of an Advanced Directive is available, this information will be included in the transfer paperwork. This will provide the receiving hospital the information they will need regarding your wishes. If it is your wish to have your Advanced Directive honored during your procedure, we will not be able to schedule your procedure at Frederick Endoscopy Center.