

Advance Directive Policy – Please read carefully

As a patient, you have the right to participate in your own health care decisions, including certain life-sustaining (or end-of-life) decisions.

Digestive Disease Specialists, Inc. and DDSI South AEC, LLC recognizes these rights and will document in your medical record if you have an advance directive.

Oklahoma Public and Safety Code and the Advance Directive Act does not mandate that a healthcare provider comply with every provision of a patient's advance directive. Rather, Oklahoma law provides that a healthcare provider who is unwilling to comply with an advance directive must take reasonable steps to transfer the care of a patient to another physician or health care provider.

It is our policy that if an unexpected event occurs during your procedure, we will always start CPR and attempt to resuscitate you, and we will contact EMSA to transfer you to the nearest Hospital Emergency Room for care.

Thus, if your advance directive states ***that you do not wish to be resuscitated (often called a "DNR")***, we will not comply with it. To ensure that you understand this policy, when you come for a procedure, you will be asked to sign an "Agreement for Resuscitation."

If you do not wish to be resuscitated, you should **not** sign the Agreement for Resuscitation and notify us of your wishes. In such case, we will notify your DDSI provider who will refer you to another physician or healthcare provider for your procedure.

If you have any questions about this policy, please contact your DDSI physician.

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