



# Patient Notice: Advance Directives

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## Your Right to Make Decisions About Your Health Care

At West Creek Endoscopy, we respect your right to make informed decisions about your medical treatment. Under Virginia law, all adult patients have the right to create an **advance directive**—a legal document that states your preferences for medical care if you are unable to speak for yourself.

## What Is an Advance Directive?

An advance directive may include:

- **A Living Will** – instructions about the types of medical treatment you do or do not want.
- **A Durable Power of Attorney for Health Care** – naming someone you trust to make medical decisions on your behalf.

## Our Facility Policy

Because West Creek Endoscopy provides elective outpatient procedures, we do **not honor “Do Not Resuscitate” (DNR) orders** during procedures.

- If a life-threatening emergency occurs while you are here, our staff will begin resuscitative measures immediately.
- You will then be transferred to a hospital, and any advance directive you have on file will be sent with you and communicated to the hospital team.

## What You Need to Know

- You are **not required** to have an advance directive to receive care at West Creek Endoscopy.
- If you already have an advance directive, please bring a copy with you on the day of your procedure so we can include it in your medical record.
- If you do not have an advance directive but would like more information, our staff can provide resources and forms for you.

## Questions or Assistance

If you have questions about advance directives or need a copy of Virginia’s official advance directive form, please ask a member of our staff.