

Advance Directive Policy

As a patient, you have the right to participate in your own health care decisions and to make an Advance Directive, or to execute a Power of Attorney that authorizes others to make decisions on your behalf when you are unable to make decisions, or are unable to communicate those decisions. Northwest Surgery Center respects and upholds these rights. However, unlike in an acute care hospital setting, the Surgery Center does not routinely perform “high risk” procedures. Most procedures performed in this facility are considered minimal risk. Of course, no surgery is completely without risk. You will discuss the specifics of your procedure with your physician who will advise you about any associated risks, your expected recovery, and care after your surgery. Therefore, it is our policy, regardless of the contents of an Advance Directive or instructions from a Health Care Surrogate or Power of Attorney, that if an adverse event occurs during your treatment at this facility, we will initiate resuscitative or other stabilizing measures and transfer you to an acute care hospital for further evaluation. The acute care hospital will order further treatment or withdrawal of treatment measures in accordance with your wishes, Advance Directive or Health Care Power of Attorney. You or your representative will be notified in writing prior to the date of surgery regarding the Surgery Center’s Advance Directive Notice policy. At the time of admission to the Surgery Center, you must sign the Advance Directive Notice acknowledging you have read and understand this policy. Signing the Advance Directive Notice does not invalidate any current Health Care Directive or Health Care Power of Attorney. If you do not agree with this policy, your procedure will be rescheduled at another facility.

Billing and Payment Policies

Northwest Surgery Center accepts most forms of insurance. It is your responsibility to understand your medical benefits for services at our ambulatory surgery center.

When we receive your insurance information, Northwest Surgery Center will contact your insurance carrier and verify eligibility and medical benefits for services at our center. If a co-pay or deductible is required you will be contacted by our office. This payment or partial payment, if alternate payment schedules have been arranged, is due on the date of the service. We accept cash, Checks, VISA, MasterCard, and Discover payments.

Self-pay patients are expected to pay in full prior to any surgeries. You may speak to the office to inquire about payment plans.

Billing for Northwest Surgery center is separate from your billing for surgeon’s services, and if necessary pathology fees. Our charges include the cost for your operating room, nursing staff, drugs and supplies for your surgery and recovery.

If you have a question regarding our billing policies, please contact our Office between the hours of 8:30 AM – 4:30 pm at 414-257-3322