

POLICY STATEMENT REGARDING PATIENT
RIGHT TO SELF-DETERMINATION

1. To the extent allowed by law, it is our policy to follow the directions with respect to medical care at the Greater Erie Surgery Center of our patients who have the capacity to make decisions. You will be considered to have capacity to make health care decisions unless unconscious, determined to be incompetent by a court of law or medically determined by your attending physician to be unable to make health care decisions.
2. Before any non-emergency medical treatment is performed, you have a right to receive from your physician whatever information you need to give your informed consent. The information provided to you should answer your questions about the intended procedure or treatment, the potential risks associated with the treatment, alternative treatments and their risks. You will be asked to sign a form verifying you have given your physician your consent to perform the procedure.
3. If you refuse treatment, you will be informed by your physician of significant medical consequences that may result and may be asked to sign a form about your refusal.
4. If you are unable to make decisions, but have signed a valid advanced directive we would like for you to understand that procedures performed in an Ambulatory Surgery Center are considered elective and by definition should not be performed on a patient considered to be high risk for medical or surgical complications. Therefore, it is our policy to provide life sustaining emergency care for all of our patients and provide emergency transportation to the nearest hospital. A copy of your Advanced Directive, if provided, will be included in the transfer information.

If you have any questions regarding our policies, please talk to your physician or nurse.

Patient/Guardian Signature

Date

Time