

ADVANCE DIRECTIVE POLICY

Advance Directives allow a person to give directions about future medical care or to designate another person(s) to make medical decisions if he or she should lose decision-making capacity. Advance Directives may include living wills, durable powers of attorney or similar documents portraying the patient's preference.

The existence of an Advance Directive, or lack thereof, will not determine the patient's access to care, treatment and services.

Patients presenting with an Advance Directive will be informed that all patients are treated as a "Full Code" at Three Rivers Endoscopy Center, and that means all measures to resuscitate and sustain life will be taken.

NOTE: As stated in UNDERSTANDING ADVANCE DIRECTIVES FOR HEALTH CARE "Living Wills and Powers of Attorney in Pennsylvania": "...there is no law in Pennsylvania that guarantees that your medical providers will follow your instructions in all circumstances..."

In the event the patient should need to be transferred to the hospital, the presence of an Advance Directive will be communicated to the receiving facility. The Advance Directive will then follow the patient during transfer and go into effect upon admission to the hospital.

If the patient has a notarized Advance Directive, a copy will be placed in the permanent medical record and the attending physician and anesthesiologist will be notified.

Information regarding Advance Directives is available to all patients in the Waiting Room at Three Rivers Endoscopy Center.

OWNERSHIP DISCLOSURE

This is to inform you that your physician might have a financial interest or ownership in Three Rivers Endoscopy Center. The following have an ownership interest of 5% or more:

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*Please forward any concerns to:

Three Rivers Endoscopy Center
Nurse Manager
725 Cherrington Parkway, Suite 101
Moon Township, PA 15108
412-262-1000

Three Rivers Endoscopy Center notwithstanding,
a patient may address a concern to:

PA Department of Health
Division of Acute and Ambulatory Care
Room 532 Health & Welfare Bldg.
625 Forster Street
Harrisburg, PA 17120
1-717-783-8980

If a patient has a concern about the quality of care provided,
or feels that they were discharged too early, they may contact:

KePRO
777 East Park Drive
P.O. Box 8310
Harrisburg, PA 17105-8310
1-800-322-1914

Web site for the **Office of the Medicare Beneficiary Ombudsman:**
www.cms.hhs.gov/center/ombudsman.asp



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Thank you for choosing Three Rivers Endoscopy Center. Our center has a competent, efficient staff dedicated to making your experience here as pleasant as possible.

**For more information about our center,
please visit our website at:
www.gihealth.com
Phone: 412-262-1000
Fax: 412-262-2427**

WHAT TO EXPECT

Someone from our office will contact you a couple days prior to your procedure date to remind you of your upcoming appointment.

IMPORTANT THINGS TO REMEMBER

Three Rivers Endoscopy Center is located at 725 Cherrington Parkway in Moon Township. We are located on the first floor of the building, Suite 101. After the registration process you will be escorted to the Pre-op area where a staff member will complete your preparation. Please refrain from tobacco and alcohol products for 24 hours prior to your procedure. Please do not chew gum on the day of your procedure. Please avoid wearing make-up, jewelry, nail polish or contact lenses. Do not bring money or valuables with you. **Three Rivers Endoscopy Center is not responsible for lost or stolen items. Please remember to bring your insurance cards.** Wear loose casual clothing.

You may wear your dentures, partial plate and hearing aids. However, the physician may require you to remove your dentures or partial plate. If you wear glasses, please bring a case for them.

COLONOSCOPY PATIENTS

Follow the instructions for your prep given to you when you scheduled your appointment.

FOR ALL GI PATIENTS

Please take **ALL** medications, except diabetic medications. If you are a non-insulin dependent diabetic, please do not take your medications the evening prior to your procedure and the morning of your scheduled procedure. If you are insulin-dependent, please take 1/2 of your insulin dose the evening prior to your procedure and on the morning of your procedure, please do not take your insulin. **If you take any blood thinners or aspirin products, please call our office for further instructions.**

All patients receiving anesthesia or IV sedation must have a responsible adult to drive you home and to remain with you for the entire procedure. **Patients who have received sedation or anesthesia are not permitted to take a cab or bus home alone.**

We look forward to your visit. Please let us know if there is anything we can do to make your experience with us more comfortable.

PATIENT BILL OF RIGHTS

All patients of Three Rivers Endoscopy Center have certain rights:

1. A patient has the right to respectful care given by competent personnel.
2. A patient has the right, upon request, to be given the name of his attending practitioner, the names of all other practitioners directly participating in his care, and the names and functions of other health care persons having direct contact with the patient.
3. A patient has the right to consideration of privacy concerning his own medical care program. Case discussion, consultation, examination and treatment are considered confidential and shall be conducted discreetly.
4. A patient has the right to have records pertaining to his medical care treated as confidential except as otherwise provided by law or third party contractual arrangements.
5. A patient has the right to know what ASF rules and regulations apply to his conduct as a patient.
6. The patient has the right to expect emergency procedures to be implemented without unnecessary delay.
7. The patient has the right to good quality care and high professional standards that are continually maintained and reviewed.
8. The patient has the right to full information in layman's terms, concerning diagnosis, treatment and prognosis, including information about alternative treatments and possible complications. When it is not medically advisable to give the information to the patient, the information shall be given on his behalf to a responsible person.
9. Except for emergencies, the practitioner shall obtain the necessary informed consent prior to the start of a procedure. Informed consent is defined in section 103 of the act.
10. A patient, or, if the patient is unable to give informed consent, a responsible person, has the right to be advised when a practitioner is considering the patient as part of a medical care research program or donor program, and the patient or responsible person shall give informed consent prior to actual participation in the program. A patient, or responsible person, may refuse to continue in a program to which he has previously given informed consent.

11. A patient has the right to refuse drugs or procedures, to the extent permitted by statute, and a practitioner shall inform the patient of the medical consequences of the patient's refusal of drugs or procedures.

12. A patient has the right to medical and nursing services without discrimination based upon age, race, color, religion, sex, national origin, handicap, disability or source of payment.

13. The patient who does not speak English shall have access, where possible, to an interpreter.

14. The ASF shall provide the patient or patient designee, upon request, access to the information contained in his medical records, unless access is specifically restricted by the attending practitioner for medical reasons.

15. The patient has the right to expect good management techniques to be implemented within the ASF. These techniques shall make effective use of the time of the patient and avoid personal discomfort of the patient.

16. When an emergency occurs and a patient is transferred to another facility, the responsible person shall be notified. The institution to which the patient is to be transferred shall be notified prior to the patient's transfer.

17. The patient has the right to examine and receive a detailed explanation of his bill.

18. A patient has the right to expect Three Rivers Endoscopy Center to provide information on the patient's continuing health care needs and the means for meeting them upon discharge.

19. A patient has the right to be informed of his/her rights at the earliest possible moment in the course of his/her care at the Surgery Center.

20. A patient has the right to exercise his or her rights without being subjected to discrimination or reprisal.

21. The patient has the right to voice grievances regarding treatment, care that is (or fails to be) furnished or payment.

**Please see back of pamphlet for contact information regarding any concerns.*

We encourage you to be an informed consumer of health care services. Please do not hesitate to ask our staff questions pertaining to any aspect of your care at our facility.