

## ADVANCE DIRECTIVES

**Advance Directives:** An Advance Directive is a legally binding document that protects your right to refuse and/or request certain medical treatments in the event you are unable to make decisions for yourself. These documents are only binding if completed by a competent adult and is signed by two persons as witnesses acknowledging the signature of the patient. Information on how to establish an Advance Directive is available at <http://dhcfp.nv.gov/Resources/PI/AdvanceDirectives/> and also upon request at the center.

All procedures performed at our center are elective in nature and patients are presumed to be capable of undergoing the necessary anesthesia and surgical procedure(s). Given the parameters that we use and the expected outcome of a successfully completed operative procedure, all reasonable efforts will be made to resuscitate every patient regardless of the statement in his/her Advance Directives, including a Living Will, Do Not Resuscitate (DNR), and/or Medical Power of Attorney. Our policy has been made based on careful conscience considerations. Therefore, we are informing patients who have an Advance Directive which includes a "DO NOT RESUSCITATE" order or other limitations involving life saving measures that they will not be honored during your care at our center. If you have an Advance Directive of any kind that you would like to have placed in your medical record, please bring the document with you on the day of your procedure. A copy will be made and placed in your medical record to be included with transfer to an appropriate health care facility following resuscitation.