



## **Advanced Directives:**

A health care directive is a written document that informs others of your wishes about your health care. It allows you to name a person (“agent”) to decide for you if you are unable to decide. It also allows you to name an agent if you want someone else to decide for you. You must be at least 18 years old to make a health care directive.

Minnesota law allows you to inform others of your health care wishes. You have the right to state your wishes or appoint an agent in writing so that others will know what you want if you can’t tell them because of illness or injury. This information is available on the internet at <http://www.mnaging.org/> or you can contact the Minnesota Board on Aging, the Senior LinkAge Line® at 1-800-333-2433. You may also request these forms from the Associated Eye Care Ambulatory Surgery Center, and we will provide them to you.

## **Associated Eye Care Ambulatory Surgery Center Policy on Advanced Directives:**

Associated Eye Care Ambulatory Surgery Center will not withhold emergency care from any patient of the facility, despite the existence of an advance directive or the verbal instructions of the patient. If a patient with an advance directive in place requires transfer from Associated Eye Care Surgery Center to a hospital, a copy of the advance directive, if available, will be sent to the receiving hospital with the patient’s essential medical information.

## **Informed Decisions:**

You, the patient, or if appropriate, your representative, has the right to make informed decisions regarding your care. We will communicate to you all-necessary information regarding your pre-operative, intra-operative and post-operative care in addition to clear and concise discharge instructions. If at any time you have questions, please ask your health care provider or any of the clinical staff at the Ambulatory Surgery Center.

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