

Tulsa Endoscopy Center
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 Tulsa Endoscopy Center of our patients who have the capacity to make decisions. You will be considered to have capacity to make health care decisions unless you are 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, and alternative treatments and their risks. You will be asked to sign a form verifying that 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 you may be asked to sign a form regarding your refusal.
4. It is our policy not to follow advanced directives at Tulsa Endoscopy Center. We will provide life-sustaining care while you are a patient here. If you are unable to make decisions, but have signed a valid advance directive, we will not honor your directive while you are a patient at Tulsa Endoscopy Center. Your signed and valid advance directive will be followed, to the extent allowed under Oklahoma Law, once you have been transferred to a higher level of care at the hospital.
5. If you are unable to take sufficient food and water by mouth to keep you alive and are without capacity to make health care decisions, Oklahoma Law considers that you have directed that tube feeding be administered, unless:
 - You have an advance directive specifying the withholding or withdrawal of tube feedings and you are in a condition defined in your directive.
 - Your physician clearly knows or a court finds that when you were competent and with the information necessary make such a decision, you decided that tube feedings should be withheld or withdrawn.
 - The tube feedings themselves would cause you severe, intractable, and long-lasting pain.
 - Tube feedings are not medically possible.
 - You are chronically, irreversibly, and in the final stages of terminal illness.
 - You have an injury in which death is imminent and that death will not be caused by dehydration and starvation.
6. Similarly, if you are without capacity to make health care decisions you will be considered to have directed other life-sustaining treatment be given, unless:
 - You have a valid advance directive and are determined to be in a condition which qualifies you to have treatments withheld.
 - The treatments are considered medically inappropriate or futile.
 - All family members agree that the proposed treatment is not what you would want and your family members have signed a Family Verification to that effect.

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