

## **Advance Directive Notification**

In the state of New York, all patients have the right to participate in their own health care decisions and to make Advance Directives that give instructions about any aspect of health and/or authorize an agent to make decisions on their behalf based on their expressed wishes when able to make decisions or unable to communicate decisions. The NYGI Center respects and upholds these rights. If you have executed an Advance Directive, please bring a copy on the day of your procedure. If you do not have an Advance Directive, information can be found at the **New York State website:**

**[http://www.health.state.ny.us/professionals/patients/patient\\_rights/](http://www.health.state.ny.us/professionals/patients/patient_rights/)**

However, unlike in an acute care hospital setting, the NYGI Center does not perform “high risk” procedures. Of course, no procedure is without risk. You can discuss the specifics of your procedure with your physician who can answer your questions as to its risks, your expected recovery and care after your procedure.

Therefore, it is our policy, regardless of the contents of any Advance Directive that if a patient suffers a cardiac or respiratory arrest or other life-threatening situation, a signed consent form implies consent for resuscitation and transfer to a higher level of care. Therefore, in accordance with state and federal law, the Center is notifying you that we will not honor previously signed Advance Directives regarding code status for any patient. It is still important that you provide the Center with a copy of your Advance Directive, as it will be sent with you should you require a transfer to a higher level of care.

If you do not agree to this policy, please address this issue with your physician prior to your procedure date.