## ADVANCE DIRECTIVE

An Advance Directive is a document that states what kinds of treatment you do or do not want to receive should you become incapacitated and/or names another person to make those decisions for you. An advance directive may include a proxy directive or an instruction directive, or both. (N.J.A.C. 8:43A-1.3).

For more information on Advance Directives, please visit the following website: www.state.nj.us/health/healthfacilities/documents/ltc/advance\_directives.pdf

Please note that the Center does Not Honor DNR Orders (Do not resuscitate orders). Please contact our staff if you have any questions.

Other types of planning documents information can be found at: http://www.agingwithdignity.org/five-wishes.php http://www.lifeissues.org/euthanasia/pdf/your\_life\_your\_choices.pdf

IF YOU have an advance directive or POLST (Physician Orders for Life Sustaining Treatment) please bring the document to the center at the time of your appointment.

## **CONFIDENTIALITY/HIPAA**

It is our policy to ensure that only parties with legitimate interest have access to healthcare information and that there is a conscious effort by all employees to protect patient information through their work habits, computer transmissions, conversation, and handling of patient paperwork.

A summary of our privacy practices is available in our Center for your review.

## **MISSION**

To provide first class surgical services for the local community in a safe, comfortable and welcoming environment; one in which we would be happy to treat our own families.