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Advance Care Planning Payments and Standards



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Objectives

- Explain the CMS and TJC standards and requirements for advance directives.
- Identify what is required of hospitals under the Patient Self Determination Act.
- Explain new and revised standards, regulations, and laws put forth by CMS, TJC and the federal government.
- Evaluate compliance requirements and penalties

Advance Directives

- Know your specific state law on advance directives
- Know the federal law on advance directives
- Know the CMS hospital CoP on advance directives
- Know the Joint Commission standards on advance directives (or your accreditation organization: AOA HFAP, DNV or CIHQ)
 - Including the TJC Tracer
- Know what to do if a patient shows up with a visitation advance directive

Types of Advance Directives

- Living wills or Durable Power of Attorney (DPOA)
- Advance Directive combined forms
- DNR
- Patient advocate/support person declaration
- Declaration of Mental Health Directive
- Organ donor card
- Visitation advance directive
- Declaration to dispose of body after death

Ask Patients About End of Life Wishes

The screenshot shows a webpage with a navigation bar at the top containing categories like LEADERSHIP, FINANCE, TECHNOLOGY, QUALITY, PHYSICIAN LEADERS, and NURSE LEADERS. The main article title is "6 Questions Every Doctor Should Be Asking Patients" by Jacqueline Fellows, dated January 22, 2015. A "FACTFILE" section is highlighted, with the sub-header "50 Top Cardio Hospitals Performance vs. Peers". The main text discusses end-of-life care for sick patients, noting that it is garnering more attention from hospitals and health systems due to its impact on costs. It mentions that leaders need to invest in training physicians to talk to patients about their concerns and wishes. A quote from Angelo Volandes, MD, MPH, is included: "End-of-life care for sick patients is garnering more attention from hospitals and health systems because of its impact on costs. Now leaders need to invest in training physicians to talk to patients about their concerns and wishes." Below the quote, it says: "Hospital and health system leaders are eyeing palliative care programs closely because the ROI is..."

Ask Patients About End of Life Wishes

- Physician has responsibility to give patients information they need about decisions about medical interventions they want when they are dying
- Many hospitals require a code status on all admitted patients
- Many hospitals now have palliative care departments and studies show those that do have few ICU admissions and fewer use of ventilators
- Talk to patients about how they want to die
 - Advance Care Planning Decisions to help provide education

Resources from Advanced Care Planning



Toolkit CriSTAL to Identify Dying Patient

- Checklist to help identify patients for end-of-life care
- To help identify patients who are likely to die soon who would not benefit from costly interventions
- To determine when patients are dying so honest communication can occur and so palliative care can be provided
- Most patients express a preference for dying at home but the majority will die in the hospital
- CriSTAL stands for Criteria for Screening and Triaging to Appropriate Alternative Care

Roadmap Guide End of Life Care

- Explain the risks and benefits of life-sustaining therapies
- Have patients establish any leeway they want granted to the substitute decision-makers in advance
- Explain the physician's role is to carry out the patients' wishes if it conflicts with that of substitute decision-makers
- Document the discussions and the resulting decisions

Source: Just Ask: Discussing goals of care with patients in hospitals with serious illness. CMAJ, at <http://www.cmaj.ca/content/early/2013/07/15/cmaj.121274>

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Case Law

Related to Advance Directives





Overview of Law

- A mentally competent adult has the legal right to refuse treatment even if that refusal would result in their death
- Both TJC (Joint Commission) and CMS (Center for Medicare and Medicaid Services) require that hospitals honor the patient's right to refuse treatment
- However, it must be an educated right with knowledge of risks and benefits
- Estimated that only 15-25% of patients have an advance directive

Matter of Quinlan

- This case and the Cruzan case helped to establish the right to refuse life sustaining treatment, including the right for non-competent patients
- In earlier cases, the court appointed a guardian to assert the wishes of the unconscious patient
 - Family and patient together would make decisions without intervention of the court
- First case to mention PVS (permanent vegetative state)
- Karen took an overdose and arrested at age 21
 - 348 A.2d 801 (N.J. Super Ct 1975)

Matter of Quinlan

- Judge found she could never return to a cognitive or sapient state
- Parents wanted her ventilator removed
- Karen quoted as saying she never wanted to be kept alive by extraordinary means
- Found the right to privacy
- Court allowed removal of her ventilator
 - Interestingly enough she lived nine more years dying June 11, 1985 of pneumonia

Nancy Beth Cruzan

- This case illustrates why it is so important for every adult to have advance directives and to ensure their family is aware of their wishes
- 25 year old in single car accident
- Found 35 feet from car in ditch not breathing
- Without oxygen for 15-20 minutes
- Feeding tube inserted
- Requested tube be removed after five years (\$130,000 a year cost in state hospital)

Nancy Beth Cruzan

- Spastic quadriplegic, contractures, fingers cut into her wrists, CT scan severe irreversible brain damage with brain degenerating, fluid in brain where there is no more brain tissue
- US Supreme Court held that patient's right to refuse medical treatment is protected by US Constitution
- Right to refuse medical treatment is a liberty interest protected by 14th amendment

Nancy Beth Cruzan

- However, state's interest in preserving life and guarding against abuse of surrogate decision maker's powers allows state to regulate in this area
- Right to end life-sustaining treatment must be established by clear and convincing evidence
 - 474 U.S., 261, 110 S. Ct. 2841 (1990)
- This is why it is important for every person to have advance directives so that their wishes are known and followed
 - Patients may end up with a feeding tube in if in a permanent comatose state so is this what they wanted?

Matter of Theresa Schiavo

- Suffered cardiac arrest at age 27 from potassium imbalance
- Was in PVS since Feb 1990
- After waiting for 6 years to recover her husband petitioned court to remove feeding tube
- Individuals have the right to decide if they want to be kept alive by artificial hydration and nutrition
- Her parents, Schindler family, fought for nine years in court

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Matter of Theresa Schiavo

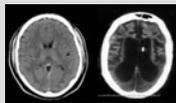
- Evidence supported in court that she had previously stated that she did not want to live that way
- Court ordered removal of her feeding tube
- Feeding tube removed on March 18, 2005
- There was clear and convincing evidence that this is what the patient wanted
- Remember a single piece of paper could have prevented this controversy
- Leaving no written direction left her parents and husband to argue her fate in the courts

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Matter of Theresa Schiavo

Autopsy Report

- Left: CT scan of normal brain
- Right: Schiavo's 2002 CT scan showing loss of brain tissue. The black area is liquid, indicating hydrocephalus ex vacuo. Shows extensive brain damage. Brain half the weight of a normal brain.



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Linda Scheible vs Morse Geriatric Center

- Florida nursing home found negligent for failing to honor resident's advance directive for \$150,000 in 2007
 - Granddaughter brought the lawsuit
- Resident died at age 92
 - Madeline Neuman was competent when she entered the nursing home
- She completed a living will saying she did not want CPR and foregoing any life prolonging care or feeding tubings, surgery or respirators
- Doctor wrote a DNR order in her chart

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Linda Scheible vs Morse Geriatric Center

- When she became unresponsive the LTC facility called paramedics
- They intubated here and did CPR and sent her to the hospital
- Patient had history of seizures and Alzheimer's
- Jurors felt the nursing home lacked procedures for ensuring that the patient wishes would be followed in the event the patient was unable to speak for her or himself
 - Did not have a good way to communicate patient was a DNR

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Glenwood Gardens California

- Central California retirement home (independent living facility) refuses to do CPR on a 87 YO patient Lorraine Bayless on May 4, 2013
 - Not LTC or assisted living
- Nurse said facility policy prevented her from giving CPR after she collapsed in the dining room
 - Patient did not have a DNR order
 - Said their policy is to call 911 and wait
 - Family said their were happy with this process
- CMS issues memo that LTC must do CPR unless patient is a DNR October 14, 2013

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Know Who is a DNR and Who is Not

Nurse refuses to perform CPR despite 911 dispatcher's plea

Jami McMath Case

- 13 YO in California was declared with total brain death after massive blood loss and cardiac arrest
 - Occurred after having a adenotonsillectomy, uvulopalatopharyngoplasty and submucous resection of bilateral inferior turbinates for sleep apnea on December 9, 2013
 - No activity on an electroencephalogram, no blood flow to the brain and did not breathe when removed from mechanical ventilation
 - Coroner issues death certificate January 5, 2014
 - Court found patient brain dead but allowed ventilator to continue
 - Family moves to LTC to get a feeding tube and trach
 - Files medical malpractice case March 2015 against hospital and surgeon

Brain Dead Girl Moved From Ca Hospital

Lawyer: Brain dead girl moved from Calif. hospital

3:12 PM, March 2014 1 comment

This undated file photo provided by the McMath family and Great Seesay shows Jami McMath. (Photo: AP Photo/Courtesy of McMath Family and Orman Seesay)

JBA Today
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OAKLAND, Calif. (AP) — The 13-year-old California girl declared brain dead after a tonsillectomy has been taken out of Children's Hospital of Oakland, her family's attorney said late Sunday.

Jami McMath left the hospital in a private ambulance shortly before 8 p.m. Sunday, Christopher Dolan told The Associated Press.

She was taken by a critical care team while attached to a ventilator but without a feeding tube, Dolan said. Her destination was not immediately disclosed.

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Doctors Get Paid for End-Of-Life Planning

- First develops 2 CPT codes for advanced care planning
- October 30, 2015, a final rule was issued authorizing Medicare to pay doctors for consultation on how they would like to be cared for as they are dying
- CMS adds to physician payment rules January 1, 2016 to discuss end-of-life choices
- Now patients and families can have the discussion of what and when they want treatment before becoming ill or after having received a diagnosis of cancer

Advanced Care Planning

- This new regulation creates a benefit to advanced care planning for Medicare patients and is consistent with recommendations from the AMA
- Research showed the value of advanced care planning
- It improved patient outcomes as evidenced by fewer hospitalizations, less intensive treatments, more hospice use
- It also increased the likelihood of the patient dying in their preferred location

CMS Press Release

The screenshot shows the CMS.gov website with a navigation menu including Medicare, Medicaid/CSP, Medicare/Medicaid Coordination, Private Insurance, Innovation Center, Regulations & Guidance, Research, Statistics, Data & Systems, and Outreach & Education. The main content area features a press release titled "CMS Finalizes 2016 Medicare Payment Rules for Physicians, Hospitals & Other Providers" dated 2015-10-30. The release text states that CMS issued final rules detailing how the agency will pay for services provided to beneficiaries in Medicare by physicians and other health care professionals in 2016, reflecting the administration's commitment to quality, value, and patient-centered care. It lists several payment rule changes for the 2016 calendar year, including the End-Stage Renal Disease Prospective Payment System, the Hospital Outpatient Prospective Payment System, the Home Health Prospective Payment System, and the Physician Fee Schedule. A quote from CMS Acting Administrator Andy Slavitt is also included, noting that CMS is pleased to implement the first fee schedule since Congress acted to improve patient access by prioritizing physician payments from annual cuts.

Federal Register Nov 16, 2015



This document is scheduled to be published in the Federal Register on 11/16/2015 and available online at <http://federalregister.gov/a/2015-28005>, and on FDays.gov

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services

42 CFR Parts 405, 410, 411, 414, 425, and 495

[CMS-1631-FC]

RIN 0938-AS40

Medicare Program; Revisions to Payment Policies under the Physician Fee Schedule and Other Revisions to Part B for CY 2016

AGENCY: Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS), HHS.

ACTION: Final rule with comment period.

SUMMARY: This major final rule with comment period addresses changes to the physician fee

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Advanced Care Planning Payment

- Federal government may reimburse doctors for talking to Medicare patients about their advance care planning including living wills
- AMA Relative Value Scale (RVS) issued recommendation to CMS to include in reimbursement rates and now new codes added
 - It is crucial to get the patient's wishes for treatment to allow patients to control the decision making process
 - Some insurers, like Blue Cross of NY, already reimburse doctors for advance care planning

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End-Of-Life Planning

- AMA released CPT codes for advance care planning in 2015 which is a necessary step for Medicare to reimburse end of life discussions
- CMS date of 1-1-2016 for reimbursement
- Billing code is for the first 30 minutes of face to face time with the patient or family to explain and discuss advance directives
 - Can initially do during the welcome to Medicare visit or later when appropriate such as in the annual wellness visit

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End-Of-Life Planning

- The CMS finalizes payment for end-of-life discussions with patients following the IOM report called Dying in America in 2014
 - IOM now called National Academy of Medicine
 - Advance care planning is the standard of care
- Payment is proposed on two levels: one for the first 30 minutes of consultation and another for each additional 30 minutes after that. CMS said the figures would be approximately \$86 in doctors office and \$75 for additional 30 minutes and \$80 in hospital
- CMS find 55% of LTC patients had ADs in 2014

Advanced Care Planning ACP

- CMS had recognized the importance of advance care planning, having included such planning as one of 19 quality measures physicians must report for the 2015 Physician Quality Reporting System
 - Advance care planning is focused on patient centered care
- Document if living will, DNR, DPOA, POLST, organ donor care etc.
- Chart has a record of patient's preferences, discussion, and questions relative to goals of care, advance directives, and durable power of attorney for health care.

Doctors Now Will Get Paid for End-Of-Life Planning

The screenshot shows a news article from USA Today. The headline is "Doctors may get paid for end-of-life p...". The author is Michael Orlow, a Pew Staff Writer. The article discusses the federal government's proposal to reimburse doctors for advance care planning services. It mentions that this is a regulatory procedure rather than legislation and that the American Medical Association's Relative Value Scale Update Committee (RUC) will issue recommendations. A photo of a man in a suit is visible on the left side of the article.



- ### Resources
- List of Legal Cases Involving Right to Die in the United States at <http://www.rbs2.com/rtd.pdf>
 - Physician assisted suicide website at www.willamette.edu/wucl/pas
 - Information on Schiavo case at <http://www6.miami.edu/ethics/schiavo/timeline.htm> and <http://abstractappeal.com/schiavo/infopage.html>

Federal Laws on Advance Directive

Patient Self Determination Act or PSDA

Definition of Advance Directive

“Advance directive means a written instrument, such as a living will or durable power of attorney for health care, recognized under state law (whether statutory or as recognized by the courts of the State), related to the provision of health care when the individual is incapacitated.”

- Examples: Living will, DPOA, combined advance directives, visitation, DNR, organ donor card, patient advocate/support, and mental health declaration

Patient Self Determination Act of 1990

- Purpose of the federal law (PSDA)
- To inform patients of their rights regarding decisions toward their own medical care
- To ensure that these rights are communicated by the health care provider
 - Patients should give copies to their physician, hospital when admitted and family members so they know their wishes
- To provide a written summary of their health care decision making rights on admission
- These rights ensure that those of the patient dictate their future care should they become incapacitated

Patient Self Determination Act

- **42 USC Section 1395 (a)(1)(Q)** and SSA 1866, Section 4206 (b)(1) of OBRA 90, 42 CFR 489.102
- Applies to Medicare certified hospitals, skilled nursing homes, home health, hospice, and HMO
- Passed by Congress in 1990 to require above organizations to give patients information on state laws regarding advance directives such as living wills or DPOA
- Purpose of law is to ensure patients are informed of their right to make advance directives and based on principles of informed consent
- Law was effective December 1, 1991 and amended July 27, 1995 (FR Vol 60, June 23, 1995) and copy is available on website¹

¹<http://www.findlaw.com/cascode/uscodes/>

Patient Self Determination Act

- Must provide written information to patients on their decision making rights
- Provide written information to patients on organization's implementation of these rights
- Document in medical record whether patient has one
- Ensure compliance with requirements of state law on advance directives
- Provide for education of staff concerning its P&P and community education on advance directives
- Remember the CMS Hospital CoPs on patient rights which discuss patient's right to have advance directives followed

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Patient Self Determination Act

- Need written P&P regarding how the hospital or facility is implementing each of their rights
- Including clear and precise limitation if the provider cannot implement an AD on the basis of conscience
- At a minimum, need to clarify any differences between institution wide (the hospital) and those raised by individual physicians
- Identify state legal authority permitting such objections and describe range of medical conditions affected by conscientious objection
- Can't discriminate against patient if they have or not

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FEDERAL PATIENT SELF-DETERMINATION ACT FINAL REGULATIONS

PART 489-PROVIDER AND SUPPLIER AGREEMENTS

The authority citation for part 489 continues to read as follows:
Authority: Secs. 1102, 1801, 1804, 1806, 1807, and 1871 of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1302, 1395a, 1395aa, 1395cc, 1395dd, and 1395hh); and sec. 602 (a) of Pub. L. 90-21 (42 U.S.C. 1395aw note).

Subpart I Advance Directives

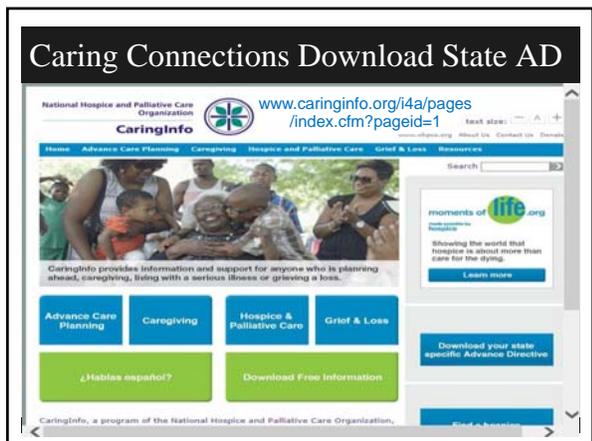
Section 489.100 Definitions

For the purposes of this part "advance directive" means a written instruction, such as a living will or durable power of attorney for health care, recognized under state law (whether statutory or as recognized by the courts of the State), relating to the provision of health care when the individual is incapacitated.

Section 489.102 Requirements for providers

- (a) Hospitals, rural primary care hospitals, skilled nursing facilities, nursing facilities, home health agencies, providers of home health-care (and for Medicaid purposes, providers of personal care services), and hospices must maintain written policies and procedures concerning advance directives with respect to all adult individuals receiving medical care by or through the provider and are required to:
 - (1) Provide written information to such individuals concerning—
 - (i) An individual's rights under State law (whether statutory or recognized by courts of the State) to make decisions concerning such medical care, including the right to accept or refuse medical or surgical treatment and the right to formulate, at the individual's option, advance directives. Providers are permitted to contract with other entities to furnish this information but are still legally responsible for ensuring that the requirements of this section are met. Providers are to update and disseminate amended information as soon as possible, but no later than 90 days from the effective date of the changes to State law; and
 - (ii) The written policies of the provider or organization respecting the implementation of such rights, including a clear and precise statement of limitation if the provider cannot implement an advance directive on the basis of conscience. At a minimum, a provider's statement of limitations should:
 - (A) Clarify any differences between institution wide conscience objections and those that may be raised by individual physicians;
 - (B) Identify the state legal authority permitting such objections;
 - (C) Describe the range of medical conditions or procedures affected by the conscientious

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CMS HOSPITAL CONDITIONS OF PARTICIPATION (COPS)

What PPS Hospitals Need to Know about the CMS interpretive guidelines on advance directives



CMS Hospital CoP

- CMS hospital CoP effective in 1986 and manual updated more frequently now
 - CMS has a section on patient rights which contains the requirements for advance directives
 - CMS changes AD interpretive guidelines effective 12-2-2011
- CAH hospitals have a separate CoP (Appendix W, Standards C)
 - Rewrote the advance directive standards at tag 151 effective January 31, 2014
 - All manuals available on the CMS website¹

¹ www.cms.hhs.gov/manuals/downloads/som107_Appendicestoc.pdf

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Location of CMS Hospital CoP Manual

Medicare State Operations Manual Appendix

- Each Appendix is a separate file that can be accessed directly from the SOM Appendices Table of Contents, as applicable.
- The appendices are in PDF format, which is the format generally used in the IOM to display files. Click on the red button in the 'Download' column to see any available file in PDF.
- To return to this page after opening a PDF file on your desktop, use the browser "back" button. This is because closing the file usually will also close most browsers

CMS CoP Manuals are now located at www.cms.hhs.gov/manuals/downloads/som107_Appendixtoc.pdf

App. No.	Description	PDF File
A	Hospitals	2.185 KB
AA	Psychiatric Hospitals	6.06 KB

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Number of Deficiencies

- CMS issued its first deficiency report in March 22, 2013 and updates data quarterly
- Advance directive is in patient rights sections which is the most problematic for hospitals
- April 15, 2015 the number of patient rights deficiencies is **4,292**
- Reports lists the name and address of all hospitals receiving deficiencies



Access to Hospital Complaint Data

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES
Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services
Health Research Administration, Mail Stop C-2111
Washington, DC 20201

Center for Clinical Standards and Quality/Survey & Certification Group
Ref: SAC-13-21-ALL

DATE: March 22, 2013
TO: State Survey Agency Directors
FROM: Director, Survey and Certification Group
SUBJECT: Access to Statements of Deficiencies (CMS-2567) on the Web for Skilled Nursing Facilities, Nursing Facilities, Hospitals, & Critical Access Hospitals

Memorandum Summary

- **Survey Findings Posted on <http://www.cms.gov>:** In July 2012, the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) began posting selected Statements of Deficiencies (CMS-2567) for skilled nursing facilities and nursing facilities on *Abusing Home Company*. In March 2013, CMS began posting CMS-2567s for short-term acute care hospitals and critical access hospitals (CAHs) for use only based on compliance investigations. The information concerns the existence and location of these files.
- **Other Web-based Tools Based on These Data:** At least two additional webtools, provided by private parties (ProPublica and the Association for Health Care Journalism), publish information based on the CMS-2567 data. These webtools are independent of CMS. CMS does not endorse or approve any particular private party application.
- **State of California (PDC):** The posted CMS data do not contain any PDC information. State Survey Agencies (SSAs) and CMS Regional Offices (ROs) may use an increase in requests for both the CMS-2567 and any associated PDCs.
- **Questions & Answers:** We plan to issue an update to this memorandum that will include an attachment of frequently asked questions in order to provide answers to other questions that may arise.

Background – Nursing Home Survey Findings
In July 2012, CMS began posting selected basic statements of deficiencies, derived from the same



Updated Deficiency Data Reports

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Hospitals

This page provides basic information about being certified as a Medicare and/or Medicaid provider and includes links to applicable laws, regulations, and compliance information.

A hospital is an institution primarily engaged in providing, by or under the supervision of physicians, separate diagnostic and therapeutic services or rehabilitation services. Critical access hospitals are certified under separate standards. Psychiatric hospitals are subject to additional regulations beyond basic hospital conditions of participation. The State Survey Agency evaluates and certifies each participating hospital as a whole for compliance with the Medicare requirements and certifies it as a single provider institution.

Under the Medicare provider enrollment rules it is possible for your hospital to have multiple medical campuses and outpatient locations. It is not permissible to certify only part of a participating hospital. Psychiatric hospitals that participate in health care as a hospital that is not a hospital are not required to participate in their survey.

However, the following are not considered parts of the hospital and are not to be included in the evaluation of the hospital's compliance:

- Components appropriately certified as other kinds of providers or suppliers, i.e., a distinct part (skilled nursing facility and/or skilled part nursing facility, Home Health Agency, Rural Health Clinic, or Hospice). Excluded residential care and non-residential care services with no nursing center facilities in the local facility and, and,
- Physician offices located in space owned by the hospital but not functioning as a hospital outpatient services department.

Accredited hospitals: A hospital accredited by a CMS-approved accreditation program may substitute accreditation under that program for survey by the State Survey Agency. Surveys assess the hospital's compliance with the Medicare Conditions of Participation (CoP) for all services, areas and locations covered by the hospital's provider agreement under its CMS Certification Number (CCN).

Although the survey generally occurs during regular working hours (Monday through Friday), surveys may conduct

www.cms.gov/Medicare/Provider-Enrollment-and-Certification/CertificationandCompliance/Hospitals.html



Advanced Directive Deficiencies July 2015		
Section	Tag Number	Number
Advance Directives and Notice of Patient Rights	117 (and 116)	212
Advance Directive & Care Planning	130	104
Advanced Directives, Consent, Decision Making	131 & 132	327
Advance Directive & Visitation	216	15
Advance Directive & Transfer	837	65
Total		723

CMS Changes to Advance Directives

- CMS issues a 34 pages memo on September 7, 2011 and issued transmittal 12-2-2011
- Main focus was on the new interpretive guidelines to comply with the federal law on visitation
- However, this survey and certification memo had several changes to patient rights including advance directives
 - These interpretive guidelines were added to the current CMS CoP manual

Advance Directive Changes

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES
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CMS
CENTERS FOR MEDICARE & MEDICAID SERVICES

Center for Medicaid, CHIP, and Survey & Certification/Survey & Certification Group
Ref: S&C: 11-36-Hospital/CAH

DATE: September 7, 2011
TO: State Survey Agency Directors
FROM: Director, Survey and Certification Group
SUBJECT: Hospital Patients' Rights to Delegate Decisions to Representatives; New Hospital and Critical Access Hospital (CAH) Patient Visitation Regulation

www.cms.gov/SurveyCertification/GenInfo/PMSR/list.asp#TopOfPage

Memorandum Summary

- **President's Directives:** On April 15, 2010 the President issued a memo concerning hospital visitation and designation of representatives.
- **Clarification of Patients' Rights Concerning Designation of Representatives:** Hospitals are obligated under certain circumstances to extend patients' rights to patients' representatives. The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) expects hospitals to give deference to patients' wishes concerning their representatives, whether expressed in writing, orally, or through other evidence. Hospital Appendix A is being revised to clarify this requirement.

Notify Patients of Their Rights 117

- Discusses extending patient rights to patient representatives
- Reiterated many of the patient rights like notice of patient right must be given to the patient or their representative
- Hospital are expected to take reasonable steps to determine patient wishes regarding designation of a representative
- Discusses the rights of the patient representative who steps into the shoes of the patient when the patient is incapacitated

Who is a Patient Representative?

- Parent of a minor child
- Guardian
- DPOA of a patient who is incapacitated
- Support person/visitation advance directive who is also referred to as the patient advocate by the Joint Commission
- If patient has no advance directives on file it can be whoever shows up and claims to be the patient representative like the spouse, same sex partner, friend, etc.

Patient Representative 117

- If the patient is competent (not incapacitated) can still orally or in writing designate another to be their representative
 - Hospital must give this person **and** the patient the required notice of patient rights
 - Speaker suggest hospital may want to get this in writing
 - The explicit designation of a representative takes precedent over any non-designated relationship
 - This continues through out the admission or outpatient treatment

Patient Representative 117

- If the patient is not competent (incapacitated) then when an individual presents with an AD or durable power of attorney (DPOA) then hospital proceeds with its P&P
 - This designation of a representative takes precedence over any non-designated relationship and continues throughout stay
 - Unless the patient ceases to be incapacitated and especially withdraws this
 - CMS says can be done orally or in writing
 - Speaker suggests hospitals get it in writing

Patient Representative 117 12-2-11

- If not competent and unable to state wishes and no ADs and person asserts is spouse or domestic partner (including same sex partners), parent of minor child, or other family member, hospital is expected to accept without demanding supporting documentation
 - However, if more than one person claims to be the patient representation (PR) then appropriate to ask for documentation to support their claim
 - Such as proof of marriage, domestic partnership, joint household, co-mingled finances etc

The Exact Language 117

- In the case of a patient who is incapacitated, when an individual presents the hospital with an advance directive, medical power of attorney or similar document executed by the patient and designating an individual to make medical decisions for the patient when incapacitated, then the hospital must, when presented with the document, provide the required notice of its policies to the designated representative. The explicit designation of a representative takes precedence over any non-designated relationship and continues throughout the patient's inpatient stay or outpatient visit, unless the patient ceases to be incapacitated and expressly withdraws the designation, either orally or in writing.
- When a patient is incapacitated or otherwise unable to communicate his or her wishes, there is no written advance directive on file or presented, and an individual asserts that he or she is the patient's spouse, domestic partner (whether or not formally established and including a same-sex domestic partner), parent (including someone who has stood in loco parentis for the patient who is a minor child), or other family member and thus is the patient's representative, the hospital is expected to accept this

Patient Representative 117

- **State law** can specify a procedure for determining who is a patient representative if patient is incapacitated
- A refusal by the hospital of a person requested to be treated as a patient representative must be documented in the medical record along with a specific basis for the refusal

Patient Rights 131

- Patient, or their representative, has a right to make informed decisions regarding his or her care
- This includes the right to be informed of their status and to request or refuse care
- A patient has the right to delegate informed decision making to another person
- Hospitals need to take reasonable steps to determine patient's wishes concerning designation of a representative

Consent Informed Decisions 131

- Competent patient asks someone to be their representative, orally or in writing, then person must be given information on informed decisions about patient care
 - This includes getting informed consent from them when required
 - Explicit designation of a representative by the patient takes precedence over any non-designated relationship
 - It continues throughout the inpatient admission or outpatient visit unless withdrawn by the patient

Consent from Competent Pt & PR

Hospitals are expected to take reasonable steps to determine the patient's wishes concerning designation of a representative. Unless prohibited by applicable State law:

- *When a patient who is not incapacitated has designated, either orally to hospital staff or in writing, another individual to be his/her representative, the hospital must provide the designated individual with the information required to make an informed decision about the patient's care. The hospital must also seek the written consent of the patient's representative when informed consent is required for a care decision. The explicit designation of a representative by the patient takes precedence over any non-designated relationship and continues throughout the patient's inpatient stay or outpatient visit, unless expressly withdrawn, either orally or in writing, by the patient.*

Consent Informed Decisions 131

- Patient is not competent and an individual presents the hospital with an advance directive, medical power of attorney (DPOA) or similar document
 - Then informed consent is obtained by this person
- Not competent and no advance directive, then the person who asserts is the spouse, domestic partner (including same sex partner), parent of child, or family member decides and thus is the patient representative
 - Can't demand documentation unless two people claim to be the patient representative

Patient Rights 131

- The right to make informed decisions presumes the patient has been provided information about their health status, diagnosis, and prognosis
- Hospitals must assure that each patient or their representative is given information about their diagnosis and prognosis
- Patient has a right to formulate advance directives (132) and to have hospital provide care to comply with these directives
- Right to have advance directives consulted when unconscious or incapacitated

Advance Directives 132

- Advance directive is defined as
 - A written instrument, such as a living will or durable power of attorney for healthcare, recognized under state law (case law or statutory law), relating to the provision of healthcare when the individual is incapacitated
- Inpatients and outpatients have the right to formulate an advance directive and have it followed
- Patients have the right to refuse medical care
 - But remember should be an educated right with risks and benefits disclosed

Advance Directives 132

- In advance directives patient may provide what care they want or do not want
- In advance directive, patient can delegate decision making to another person such as a DPOA
 - This person steps into the shoes of the patient when the patient is unable to speak for themselves and consent is obtained from the DPOA (surrogate decision maker)
- Patient may also delegate support person also in their advance directives for purpose of exercising patient visitation rights
- Designation in the AD takes precedence

Advance Directives 132

- Written notice of the hospital's AD policy must be provided to inpatients when admitted at time of registration
 - Such as right to make an AD
 - A summary and not a copy of the AD P&P
 - Document this in the MR
- Also to outpatients or their representatives in the **ED, observation** or undergoing **same day surgery**

The Exact Language Tag 132

§489.102 also requires the hospital to:

- Provide written notice of its policies regarding the implementation of patients' rights to make decisions concerning medical care, such as the right to formulate advance directives. If an individual is incapacitated or otherwise unable to communicate, the hospital may provide the advance directive information required under §489.102 to the individual's "family or surrogate in the same manner that it issues other materials about policies and procedures to the family of the incapacitated individual or to a surrogate or other concerned persons in accordance with State law." (§489.102(e)) The guidance concerning the regulation at §482.13(a)(1) governing notice to the patient or the patient's representative of the patient's rights applies to the required provision of notice concerning the hospital's advance directive policies. Although both inpatients and outpatients have the same rights under §482.13(a)(1), §489.102(b)(1) requires that notice of the hospital's advance directive policy be provided at the time an individual is admitted as an inpatient. However, in view of the broader notice requirements at §482.13(a)(1), the hospital should also provide the advance directive notice to outpatients (or their representatives) who are in the emergency department, who are in an observation status, or who are undergoing same-day surgery. The notice should be presented at the time of registration. Notice is not required for other outpatients, given that they are unlikely to become incapacitated.

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Patient Rights 0132

- Note rights as inpatient and outpatient AD requirements of TJC
- Be sure practitioners and staff provide care that is consistent with these directives with the patient is incapacitated
 - That why it is called an advance directive
 - Patient while competent decide in advance what they do and do not want done when they become unable to speak for themselves
- In your policy should have clear statement of any limitations such as conscience

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Conscience Objectors 132

- CMS states that the provision allowing for conscience objection to implementing an advance directive is narrowly focused on the directive's content related to medical conditions or procedures
 - This would not allow a hospital or individual physician to refuse to honor those part of the advance directive that designate an individual as the patient's representative and/or support person
 - This is because this does not concern a medical condition or procedure
- Notice to the patient must be clear on basis of conscious objections

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Advance Directives

- At a minimum, clarify any difference between facility wide conscience objections and those raised by individual doctors or other practitioners
- Identify the state legal authority permitting such objection
- Describe the medical conditions or procedures affected by the conscience objection
- You must provide written information to the patient on their rights under state law

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Advance Directives

- Document in the MR whether or not they have one
- Not condition treatment on whether or not they have one
- Ensure compliance with state laws on AD
- Inform patients they may file complaints with state survey and certification agency
 - Like the department of health or the BFCC QIO for Medicare patients

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Patient Rights Advance Directives 0132

- Provide for education of staff and on P&P on advance directives
- Provide community education and document
- Right to formulate advance directives includes right to make psychiatric AD (PAD) as allowed by state law
- PAD should be given respect and consideration as traditional AD
- PAD may apply if subject to involuntary commitment

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Survey Procedure 132

- CMS has survey procedures which directs the surveyor what to ask and what documents to look at
- Surveyor is to review the advance directive notice given to the inpatients and applicable outpatients
 - Does this include the right of the patient to make an advance directive
 - Does it include that staff must comply with the advance directive in accordance with state law
- Surveyor is instructed to review the medical record for evidence of compliance with AD
 - Is there documentation in every inpatient and applicable outpatient record that the notice was given to the patient when they registered

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Survey Procedure 132

- If patient reported they have an AD, has a copy been placed in the medical record?
- What process is in place to allow patients to make one if they want?
- What is the process to update their current advance directive?
- Surveyor is suppose to look at what education hospital has done on AD
- Surveyor is to interview staff to determine their knowledge of AD

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Informing the Patient 216

- Must inform each patient of their visitation rights or support person when appropriate
- Patient can withdrawal consent for visitors at anytime
- If patient is incapacitated or unable to communicate then provide information to their advance directive designating a support person
 - Could be a visitation advance directive and can be different than the DPOA

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Advance Directives 216

- If no AD designating a representative then individual who asserts is spouse, domestic partner, parent of a child, or other family friend or family, the hospital will accept this without requiring proof
 - Unless more than one person claims to be the support person then ask for documentation
- Need to have non-discriminatory resolution of disputes
- Refusal to honor request of person to be treated as the support person must be documented in the medical record along with basis for refusal

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Incapacitated Patient with No AD

When a patient is incapacitated or otherwise unable to communicate his or her wishes, there is no advance directive designating a representative on file, and no one has presented an advance directive designating himself or herself as the patient's representative, but an individual asserts that he or she, as the patient's spouse, domestic partner (including a same-sex domestic partner), parent or other family member, friend, or otherwise, is the patient's support person, the hospital is expected to accept this assertion, without demanding supporting documentation, provide the required notice of the patient's visitation rights, and allow the individual to exercise the patient's visitation rights on the patient's behalf. However, if more than one individual claims to be the patient's support person, it would not be inappropriate for the hospital to ask each individual for documentation supporting his/her claim to be the patient's support person.

- *Hospitals are expected to adopt policies and procedures that facilitate expeditious and non-discriminatory resolution of disputes about whether an individual is the patient's support person, given the critical role of the support person in exercising the patient's visitation rights.*

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CMS Surgery Section Tag 751

- CMS has a standard in the surgery section, tag A-0951, that requires a policy on DNR status
- Staff should be aware of their facility policy on DNR in the OR and in the hospital setting
- Policy should consider position statement from professional organizations
- Policy should reflect state regulations and case law
 - For example in Ohio has a statute and rules on DNR
- Rules contain the substantive information on how personnel should proceed
- Know your state laws (statutes and case law)

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Transfer or Referral 837

- This standard talks about what the hospital must do when it transfers a patient
- The hospital must send the necessary medical records along with the patient
- CMS requires that when the patient is transferred that a copy of the advance directives is sent with the patient
- Also make sure you use an interpreters if patient need and remember issue of low health literacy

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CMS Critical Access Hospital (CAH) on Advance Directives



Amended June 7 2013 C-0151

Appendix W Critical Access Hospital Interpretive Guidelines

C-0151

§485.608(a) Standard: Compliance With Federal Laws and Regulations

The CAH is in compliance with applicable Federal laws and regulations related to the health and safety of patients.

Survey Procedures §485.608(a)

Each CAH must be in compliance with applicable Federal laws and regulations related to the health and safety of patients. This includes other Medicare regulations and Federal laws and regulations not specifically addressed in the CoPs. State Survey Agencies are expected to assess the CAH's compliance with the following Medicare provider agreement regulation provisions when surveying for compliance with §485.608(a):

Advance Directives

An advance directive is defined at 42 CFR 489.100 as "a written instruction, such as a living will or durable power of attorney for health care, recognized under State law (whether statutory or as recognized by the courts of the State), relating to the provision of health care when the individual is incapacitated." In accordance with the provisions of 42 CFR 489.102(a), the advance directives regulations apply to CAHs. The CAH patient (inpatient or outpatient) has the right to formulate advance directives, and to have CAH staff implement and comply with the individual's advance directive. The regulation at 42 CFR 489.102 specifies the rights of a patient (as permitted by State law) to make medical care decisions, including the right to accept or refuse medical or surgical treatment and the right to formulate, at the individual's option,

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CAH Advance Directives 151

- CAH must in compliance with federal laws and regulations related to the health and safety of patients
- Inpatients and outpatients have the right to make advance directives
- Staff must comply with their advance directives
- Patients have the right to refuse treatment
- Make have a DPOA or another person such as a support person

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CAH Advance Directives 151

- Must use advance directives to designate a support person for person of exercising the visitation rights
- If patient incapacitated and DPOA then must give this information to make informed decisions and consent for the patient
- CAH must also seek the consent of the patient's representative when informed consent is required for a care decision

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CAH Advance Directives 151

- Must provide advance directive information to the competent patient when admitted
 - Must also give to the outpatient if in the ED, observation, or same day surgery patient
 - Must document you gave it in the medical record
- If incapacitated then to the family or surrogate
- Has conscience objector clause but must still allow DPOA or support person to make decision if incapacitated

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Advance Directives 151

- Can not require one
- Must make sure staff is educated on the P&P
- This includes the right to make a psychiatric advance directive or mental health declaration
 - Should still give consideration even if not a state specific law
- Must provide community education

Joint Commission Tracer

Patient Rights includes addressing advance



Patient Rights Tracer Removed 2015

- Please note that patient rights tracer was removed in 2013 but provided as reference since surveyor may still ask questions
- A list of these questions have been included for reference
- Note that rights of patients is mentioned under individual tracers
- Documents surveyor is suppose to see is information in the admission packet such as advance directives

Questions Asked About in Past

- Surveyor should assess patient and family understanding of the following:
- Rights including advance directives
- Make sure given rights prior to receiving care
- Process and right to register a complaint or grievance (CMS has grievance standards)
- Patient safety and privacy of health information

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Patient Centered Communication Removed 2013

- During each individual tracer surveyor will interview staff about the following (still a standard in 2016):
- What the hospital is doing to minimize risk
- How the hospital is collecting race and ethnicity data
- How are the staff asking patients about their communication needs
- How staff identify if patients have oral or written communication needs and how these are address
- Access to language interpreters and translated documents and involvement of interpreter on the care team

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Patient Centered Communication

- During each individual tracer surveyor will interview staff about the following:
- Hospital support of patient's right of access to advocate or support person during hospitalization
- Will interview interpreters and translators about their training, experience, and qualifications
 - This includes employed staff, bilingual staff, and volunteers
- Remember the TJC five patient centered communication standards in 4 different chapters

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TJC Advance Directive Standards

What Hospitals Should Know



TJC Standards Advance Directive is..

TJC Definition (not called JCAHO anymore):

- A document or documentation allowing a person to give directions about future medical care or to designate another person(s) to make medical decisions if the individual loses decision-making capacity
- Advance directives may include living wills, durable powers of attorney (DPOA), do-not-resuscitate (DNRs) orders, right to die, or similar documents listed in the Patient Self-Determination Act (PSDA) which express the patient's preferences

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TJC Advance Directive RI.01.05.01

- Standard: The hospital addresses patient decisions about care and services received at end of life care
- There are 21 elements of performance
- Actually only 16 since 2, 3, 7, 14 and 18 do not apply to hospitals
- This standard does not have a rationale
- Standard especially important for patients to make end of life decisions

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End of Life Decision

- The hospital should address the wishes of the patient relating to end-of-life decisions
- P&P address advance directives and are consistent with the federal and state law
- P&P provide the framework for foregoing or withdrawing life-sustaining resuscitation services
- Do you provide end of life education to staff?

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TJC Advance Directive RI.01.05.01

- **EP1** Hospital has written P&P on advance directives
 - Need to include P&P on forgoing or withholding life sustaining treatment
 - And P&P on withholding resuscitation services
 - Must in accordance with laws
- **EP4** Need to specify whether hospital will honor AD in outpatient setting
 - Need written policy on this

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TJC Advance Directive RI.01.05.01

- **EP5** Hospital must implement its AD policies
- **EP6** Hospital provides patients with written information about AD
 - This includes foregoing or withdrawing life sustaining treatment and withholding resuscitation services
- **EP8** Hospital must provide patient with information on admission is able or if unable or unwilling to comply with AD

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TJC Advance Directive RI.01.05.01

- **EP9** Hospital must document if the patient has or does not have an AD
- **EP10** Hospital refers patient for assistance in drafting AD, upon request
- **EP11** Staff and LIPs involved in patient's care are aware of whether or not patient has AD
- **EP12** Hospital honors patient's right to review and revise their AD

TJC Advance Directive RI.01.05.01

- **EP13** Hospital needs to honor AD in accordance with law and regulation and the hospital's capabilities
- **EP15** Document patient wishes concerning organ donation when they make their wishes known to the hospital or as required by P&P or laws and regulations
- **EP16** Must honor the patient's wishes concerning organ donation within limits of hospital's capabilities and laws

TJC Advance Directive RI.01.05.01

- **EP17** Access to care is not determined by fact patient has an AD or doesn't have one
- **EP19** The hospital must communicate its policy upon request or when warranted by the care provided in their P&P on AD in the outpatient setting
- **EP20** Hospital refers patient to resources to help them draft an AD in the outpatient setting

TJC Advance Directive RI.01.05.01

- **EP21** The hospital defines how it obtains and documents permission to perform an autopsy
 - Will ask for copy of autopsy policy
- This standard is for hospitals that use the Joint Commission standard for deemed status (DS)
 - The VA is TJC accredited but they do not accept Medicare or Medicaid reimbursement at this time so they do not have to follow this standard
- This was added to the TJC standards because it is a CMS CoP

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Record of Care RC.02.01.01 EP4

- TJC has a Record of Care chapter or RC
- It has one section regarding advance directives
- This standard says that the medical record must contain a copy of the advance directive
- Remember to follow up with patients and obtain a copy and place it on the chart

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Recommendation for Compliance

- Place a **sticker** on the front of the chart that lists the types of advance directives and mark each one that the patient has or have a tab in the electronic record
- Comply with standard so that all staff are notified patient has an AD
- Have a **policy and procedure** that includes these provisions
- Complete an advance directive form on every patient upon admission, get copies on the chart!
- Ask the patient and document if they want any **changes** to their advance directives

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Recommendation for Compliance

- Document review by one of your staff to make sure the patient has not changed their mind
- Add this as a check off box on your advance directive form
- Advance directives reviewed with patient or family members
- Policy needs to address what will happen when patient goes to surgery
- May include information in packet for outpatients as to your policy

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Organizations Position Statements



Position Statements

- American College of Surgeons on Advance Directives and DNR orders in the operating room¹
- AORN has policy on perioperative care of patients with DNR orders, automatically suspending order during surgery undermines patient's right to self determination
- Need to discuss and document issues with patients whether to be continued in OR or not or partially suspended

¹ http://www.facs.org/fellows_info/statements/st-19.html or <https://www.facs.org/about-ac/statements/19-advance-directives>

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ASA Position Statement

- American Society of Anesthesiologist “Ethical Guidelines for the anesthesia care of patients with do not resuscitate orders or other directives that limit treatment¹
- Policies automatically suspending DNR orders may not address patient’s rights to self determination
- Administration of anesthesia might involve some practices seen as resuscitation in other settings

¹ www.asahq.org/publicationsAndServices/sgstoc.htm

² <http://asahq.org/For-Healthcare-Professionals/Standards-Guidelines-and-Statements.aspx>

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ASA Position

- Full attempt at resuscitation which includes the immediate post-op period
- Limited attempts such as chest compressions or defib or tracheal intubation
 - Patient is informed 1) essential to the success of the anesthesia and the proposed procedure, and 2) which procedures are not essential and may be refused
- Limited attempt with regard to patient goals and values
 - Anesthesiologists uses clinical judgment in which ones to use in light of patient’s goals

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ASA DNR Orders

ETHICAL GUIDELINES FOR THE ANESTHESIA CARE OF PATIENTS WITH DO-NOT-RESUSCITATE ORDERS OR OTHER DIRECTIVES THAT LIMIT TREATMENT

Committee of Origin: Ethics

(Approved by the ASA House of Delegates on October 17, 2001, and last amended on October 16, 2013)

These guidelines apply both to patients with decision-making capacity and also to patients without decision-making capacity who have previously expressed their preferences.

- I. Given the diversity of published opinions and cultures within our society, an essential element of preoperative preparation and perioperative care for patients with Do-Not-Resuscitate (DNR) orders or other directives that limit treatment is communication among involved parties. It is necessary to document relevant aspects of this communication.
- II. Policies automatically suspending DNR orders or other directives that limit treatment prior to procedures involving anesthetic care may not sufficiently address a patient’s rights to self-determination in a responsible and ethical manner. Such policies, if they exist, should be reviewed and revised, as necessary, to reflect the content of these guidelines.
- III. The administration of anesthesia necessarily involves some practices and procedures that might be viewed as “resuscitation” in other settings. Prior to procedures requiring anesthetic care, any existing directives to limit the use of resuscitation procedures (that is, do-not-resuscitate orders and/or advance directives) should, when possible, be reviewed with the patient or designated surrogate. As a result of this review, the status of these directives should be clarified or modified based on the preferences of the patient. One of the three following alternatives may provide for a satisfactory outcome in many cases.
 - A. Full Attempt at Resuscitation: The patient or designated surrogate may request the full suspension of existing directives during the anesthetic and immediate postoperative period, thereby consenting to the use of any resuscitation procedures that may be appropriate to treat clinical events that occur during this time.
 - B. Limited Attempt at Resuscitation Defined With Regard to Specific Procedures: The

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Council on Surgical & Perioperative Safety

The screenshot shows the website for the Council on Surgical & Perioperative Safety (CSPS). The main heading is 'Resuscitation Plan #15'. Below the heading, there is a paragraph of text: 'Patients who are not candidates for resuscitation may nonetheless require perioperative care. Such care should respect the patients' wishes and directives and their effect on the perioperative plan. These issues should be addressed by the surgeon and anesthesia provider with the patient or surrogate decision maker in advance of the procedure whenever possible. The plan of care should be shared with all members of the perioperative team. (Adapted 6/20/09)'. There are several bullet points below the text, including 'ASPAH, Position Statement on the Perioperative Patient with a Do Not Resuscitate Advance Directive', 'ASA, Statement on Advance Directives by Patients, "Do Not Resuscitate" in the Operating Room', 'AORN, Position Statement on Perioperative Care of Patients with Do Not Resuscitate or Allow-Natural-Death Orders', and 'AST, Do Not Resuscitate Article (pdf)'. The page number '101' is visible at the bottom right.

PACU Care ASPAN

- Nurse should follow standards of post anesthesia nursing practice
- Position statements are available¹
- Also has position statement on Perianesthesia patient with DNR Advance Directive
- Three pages long and notes 15% of patients have a DNR order

¹ <http://www.aspan.org/Portals/6/docs/ClinicalPractice/PositionStatement/2-DNR.pdf>

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POSITION STATEMENT 2 American Society of PeriAnesthesia Nurses A Position Statement on the PeriAnesthesia Patient with a Do-Not-Resuscitate Advance Directive

Synopsis

Ethical care during the peri anesthesia period requires that the nurse act in accordance with ethical principles and with a patient's predetermined end-of-life wishes. The peri anesthesia nurse's ethical responsibilities encourage advocacy to assure a pre anesthesia patient's consent is truly informed, autonomous and self-determined. The nurse also demonstrates respect by facilitating holistic concerns for the peri anesthesia patient's emotional, spiritual and educational well being while providing physical safety.

A patient whose advance directive specifies no life sustaining measures may be unaware that cardiac or respiratory arrest are always potential yet usually reversible outcomes associated with anesthesia. When the patient's desires for the peri anesthesia period are not specifically identified, anesthetic-related changes in physiologic function present the peri anesthesia nurse with ethical conflict and confusion about appropriate interventions.

Background

1. An estimated 15% of surgical patients have an active do-not-resuscitate or do-not-intubate clause that reflects the elderly or chronically ill patient's considered preference for a "dignified death" without artificial life support.^{1,2}
2. Palliative treatment or comfort care or emergency events might require anesthesia and surgery. These interventions stress physiologic function, suppress consciousness and precipitate transient, reversible decreases in cardiac and respiratory function, but are not associated with natural evolutions toward the patient's death.^{3,4,5}
3. Endotracheal intubation, mechanical ventilation, cardiovascular medications, cardiopulmonary resuscitation, and defibrillation/cardioversion are often specifically restricted in an advance directive.^{5,6,7} The patient, family, and/or legal representative may not be aware that some of these interventions are routinely used to support vital organ functioning during the peri anesthesia period.
4. Ethically, ignoring the issue, assuming the patient's wishes or applying a facility policy or medical decision that automatically suspends any patient's DNR/DNI directive during the perioperative period denies the patient's right to self-determination and autonomy.^{8,9,10,11,12,13}

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Position Statements AORN

- **AORN** has policy on perioperative care of patients with DNR orders, **automatically suspending order** during surgery undermines patient's right to self determination
- **Need to discuss and document issues with patients whether to be continued in OR or not or partially suspended**

Source:
http://www.aorn.org/PracticeResources/AORNPositionStatements/Position_DoNotResuscitate/

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AORN DNR Position Statement



Perioperative Care of Patients with Do-Not-Resuscitate or Allow-Natural-Death Orders

PREAMBLE
 Nurses have a responsibility to uphold the rights of patients.^{1,2,3} It has been reported that approximately 15% of patients who have do-not-resuscitate or allow-natural-death orders undergo surgical procedures and anesthesia management.⁴ These procedures often are for palliative care, to relieve pain or distress, to facilitate care, or to improve the patient's quality of life. Do-not-resuscitate or allow-natural-death orders should not mean that all treatment is stopped and the need for medical and nursing care is eliminated, but rather that the patient has made certain choices about end-of-life decisions.^{5,6} A patient's rights do not stop at the entrance to the operating or procedure room. Automatically suspending a do-not-resuscitate or allow-natural-death order during surgery undermines a patient's right to self-determination.⁷ Professional organizations support developing policies to address do-not-resuscitate or allow-natural-death orders in the operating or procedure room.^{8,9,10}

POSITION STATEMENT
 Patient autonomy must be respected and is the professional responsibility of the health care team. The perioperative registered nurse, as a patient advocate, has an ethical and moral responsibility to the patient. Therefore, AORN believes that:

- reconsideration of do-not-resuscitate or allow-natural-death orders is required and is an integral component of the care of patients undergoing surgery or other invasive procedures;
- health care providers should have a discussion with the patient or patient's surrogate about the risks, benefits, implications, and potential outcomes of anesthesia and surgery in relation to the do-not-resuscitate or allow-natural-death orders before initiating anesthesia, surgery, or other invasive procedures;^{11,12}
- clear identification methods (eg, standardized wrist bands) for the patient who has do-not-resuscitate or allow-natural-death orders may decrease the risk for miscommunication.^{13,14}

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- clear identification methods (eg, standardized wrist bands) for the patient who has do-not-resuscitate or allow-natural-death orders may decrease the risk for miscommunication,¹³ and
- use of acronyms and abbreviations (eg, DNR, DNAR, AND) should be discouraged to decrease the risk of miscommunication.^{15,17}

AORN believes the following strategies should be followed during reconsideration of do-not-resuscitate or allow-natural-death decisions:

- Communication with the patient and patient's family members**
- The patient's physicians and anesthesia care providers are responsible for discussing and documenting issues with the patient and/or family members to determine whether the do-not-resuscitate or allow-natural-death orders are maintained or completely or partially suspended during anesthesia and surgery.^{7,12}
 - The discussion should include:
 - goals of the surgical treatment,



- potential for resuscitative measures and a description of what these measures include (eg, whether withholding resuscitation compromises the patient's basic objectives for surgery); and
- potential outcomes with and without resuscitation.^{7,8,12}

Communication with the health care team

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Position Statements

- ENA RESUSCITATIVE DECISIONS¹
- AMA based on Universal out-of-hospital DNR systems, Opinion of the Council of Ethical and Judicial Affairs, DNR Order, amendment ²
- AMA has model legislation on uniform DNR laws
- Some states have POLST or MOLST

¹ <http://www.ena.org/about/position/>

² http://www.ama-assn.org/ama1/pub/upload/mm/360/ceja_opinion_2_22.pdf

MOLST or POLST

- POLST stands for physician orders for life-sustaining treatment
- National approach to end of life planning based on conversation with doctors and families
- Patient choose treatments they want when seriously ill
 - To read more about POLST or MOLST go to website¹
- Can see forms for New York, Oregon, Washington, West Virginia, and Wisconsin

¹ www.polst.org

POLST



www.polst.org/

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What is POLST?

The National POLST Paradigm is an approach to end-of-life planning based on conversations between patients, loved ones, and medical providers. The POLST Paradigm is designed to ensure that seriously ill patients can choose the treatments they want and that their wishes are honored by medical providers.

Recent News

Webinar: Utah's ePOLST Experience
on December 01, 2015
On January 28th, 2016, from 12:00 - 12:30 pm (Pacific Time) the National POLST Office will host a webinar on Utah's ePOLST Experience. Presenters Peter Tallon, Jeffrey Duvon, and Dwight Kaper will describe the development and initial pilot testing of Utah's new ePOLST system.



Miscellaneous

CMS and TJC Informed Consent and
Organ Donation Standards

Informed Consent

- Must include your state law in your informed consent process
- Must include TJC RI.01.03.01 standards on informed consent if you TJC accredited
- If you accept Medicare or Medicaid and you are a hospital you must comply with CMS CoP section on consent in patient rights, medical records (Tag 464) and Surgical Services (Tag 955)

Organ Donation

- You must also comply with the CMS CoP provisions on organ donation
- TJC has its organ donation standards in the chapter on transplant safety
- Need to be in compliance and ensure one call rule on all deaths

**Ambulatory Surgery Centers
(ASC)**

Conditions for Coverage (CfC)



Federal Register

Tuesday,
November 18, 2008

Part II

**Department of
Health and Human
Services**

Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services

42 CFR Parts 410, 416, and 419

Conditions for Coverage (CfC)

- All CMS manuals found at website¹
- Appendix L in the State Operations Manual
- Section 1832 of SSA ASC must meet quality and safety standards

¹ http://www.cms.hhs.gov/manuals/downloads/som107_Appendicesoc.pdf

Advance Directives 224

- Must provide the patient with information on P&Ps on advance directives (living wills, DPOA, DNR, mental health declaration, etc.)
- If requested, must provide a copy of the official state advance directive forms
- Must inform the patient of the right to make informed decisions and **educate** staff about P&P
- Must document in chart whether or not patient has an advance directive

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Advance Directives

- Must provide information on advance directives in advance of the day of the procedure unless referral made on same day rule
- Provide patients with information on advance directives, description of state health and safety laws, if state form, for advance directives and their right to make informed decisions
- Include any limitations

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All 50 States Forms

The screenshot shows the U.S. Living Will Registry website. The main heading is "U.S. LIVING WILL REGISTRY" with the tagline "Protecting Your Choice and Your Peace of Mind." Below this, there is a navigation menu with links for HOME, ABOUT US, STATE REGISTRY, HEALTH CARE PROXY, PATIENTS, ADVANCE DIRECTIVE FORMS, and FAQ. The "ADVANCE DIRECTIVE FORMS" link is highlighted. The main content area is titled "Advance Directive Forms" and contains text explaining the registry's purpose and how to use it. A URL <http://uslwr.com/formslist.shtml> is provided. At the bottom, there is a list of resources and a disclaimer.

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