

Advance Directives

Living Wills, Healthcare Agents and Organ Donation

Arkansas law provides patients with the right to accept or refuse medical care and the right to state these wishes in advance through the use of legal documents called Living Wills and/or Health Care Agents. You have the right to accept or refuse medical care.

Upon admission to the hospital, you will be asked whether you have one or both of these documents. You will also be asked whether you have any wishes concerning organ or tissue donation.

These questions are not meant to cause you any concern. We simply want to be certain we know and respect your wishes during your hospital stay.

The Patient Self-Determination Act is a federal law which requires hospitals to ask about these documents each time a patient is admitted. You are not required to have these documents, however it is your right by law to be given information about these documents, should you choose to complete them during your hospital stay.

Click [Here](#) to download a Living Will Declaration and Appointment of Health Care Proxy to be filled out before you come to the hospital. Your physician office can give your more information or you may consult with an Arkansas Methodist Medical Center Social Worker by calling 870-239-7153.