



# COASTAL ENDOSCOPY CENTER, LLC

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## ADVANCE DIRECTIVES (LIVING WILL)

On January 11, 1992, a New Jersey law took effect which mandates that all health care facilities ask patients whether they have an advance directive or living will. At Coastal Endoscopy Center we have made this part of the admitting process. If you have an advance directive or living will, please bring it with you to Coastal Endoscopy Center on the day of your scheduled procedure.

If you do not have an advance directive or living will, please read the following information. An advance directive or living will is a document which allows you to give written instruction to those caring for you indicating the type of health care you wish to receive or reject in the event you become unable to express these decisions for yourself. There are three different types of advance directives:

1. A PROXY DIRECTIVE – In a proxy directive, a competent adult names a trusted relative or friend to make health care decisions on his or her behalf when he or she is unable to make decisions.
2. AN INSTRUCTIVE DIRECTIVE – In an instructive directive, a competent adult provides specific written instructions concerning the type of medical treatment he or she would want performed or would not want performed and under what circumstances.
3. A COMBINED DIRECTIVE – In this document, a competent adult state his or her general wishes regarding the kind of health care he or she wishes to receive but appoints a trusted relative or friend to carry them out.

A brochure containing living will form and instructions is available from the NJ Bioethics Commission. If you wish to receive the brochure, please send a 9 inch by 12 inch self addressed envelope with \$1 in postage to:

The NJ Bioethics Commission  
CN 061  
Trenton, NJ 08625

Do you have an Advance Directive? \_\_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No

If yes, please bring it to Coastal Endoscopy Center prior to your scheduled procedure.

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Patient Signature (Indicating awareness of above)

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Date