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ADVANCE DIRECTIVE NOTIFICATION

In the State of Georgia, all patients have the right to participate in their own health care decisions, to make Advance Directives or to execute Powers of Attorney that authorize others to make decisions on their behalf based on the patient's expressed wishes when the patient is unable to make decisions or unable to communicate their wishes. Vision Eye Surgery Center, LLC respects and upholds those rights.

However, unlike in acute care hospital settings, we do not routinely perform "high risk" procedures. Most procedures performed at Vision Eye Surgery Center are considered minimal risk. Of course, no surgery is without risk. You will 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 surgery.

Therefore, it is our policy, regardless of the contents of any Advance Directive or instructions from a health care surrogate or attorney-in-fact, that if an adverse event occurs during the course of your treatment at Vision Eye Surgery Center, we will initiate resuscitative or other stabilizing measures and transfer you to an acute care hospital for further evaluation. At the acute care hospital, further treatments or withdrawal of treatment measures already begun will be ordered in accordance with your wishes, Advance Directive, or health care Power of Attorney. Your agreement with Vision Eye Surgery Center's policy will not revoke or invalidate any current healthcare directive or healthcare power of attorney.

At your request, Vision Eye Surgery Center can provide you with the necessary forms to complete your advance directive in accordance with Georgia State Law.

If you do not agree with Vision Eye Surgery Center's policy, we will be pleased to assist you in rescheduling your procedure.