

ADVANCED DIRECTIVES/RESUSCITATIVE TREATMENT

SCOPE:

- Health Information Services, Care Coordination, Outpatient Services, Inpatient Services, Surgical Services and Medical Staff

PURPOSE:

- Ensure staff, adult patients (18-21 years of age) and emancipated minors understand Shriners Hospitals for Children® - Spokane's policy and procedure regarding Advance Directives which includes the application of resuscitative services
- Ensure staff, adult patients (18-21 years of age) and emancipated minors understand Shriners Hospitals for Children® - Spokane's policy and procedure regarding Mental Health Advance Directives
- Describe the procedure for addressing a patient directive once our staff is made aware that a directive is in place i.e. Advance Directives and Mental Health Advance Directives
- Be it understood that the vast majority of our patient population are not of majority age

POLICY:

- End of life care is not within Shriners Hospitals for Children® – Spokane Scope of Services.
- Shriners Hospitals for Children® – Spokane does not provide end of life care for patients diagnosed with terminal conditions.
- Resuscitation Services are provided as described in Shriners Hospitals for Children® - Spokane Policies and Procedures, Code Blue
- Shriners Hospitals for Children® - Spokane transfers patients requiring critical type care to local intensive care units prior to the question of imminent death and critical life support needs
- Shriners Hospitals for Children® - Spokane will determine upon inpatient admission planning whether advance directives described below are in place for our patients as described above

Advance Directives

- Shriners Hospitals for Children® - Spokane chooses not to participate in honoring a patient's advance directive once we are made aware of the directive's existence. The non-participation option is clearly articulated in the Revised Code of Washington, Chapter 70.122 RCW Natural Death Act, subsection 70.122.060.

Mental Health Directives

- Shriners Hospitals for Children® - Spokane does not provide mental health care and treatment

PROCEDURE:

Advance Directives

- Determine if an Advance Directive is in place and advise the attending physician
- The physician will advise the patient and family (as appropriate) that Shriners Hospitals for Children® - Spokane does not honor Advance Directives

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- If after being informed that Shriners Hospitals for Children® - Spokane will not honor their Advance Directive and if care is still desired at this facility the following plan for care will be documented by the physician in the patient's medical record
 - The patient understands that their Advance Directive will not be honored and the following plan of care has been discussed and agreed to in the unlikely event resuscitation services are needed
 - Resuscitation Services will be provided as described in Shriners Hospitals for Children® - Spokane Policies and Procedures, Code Blue.
 - Shriners Hospitals for Children® - Spokane will transfer you to a facility that can provide critical care in an intensive care unit prior to the question of imminent death and critical life support needs
- If the patient and/or family agree with the plan proceed with admission and preparation of the patient
- In the event the patient and/or family do not agree to the stated plan they will not be admitted for care. Suggested options for further care will be discussed with the patient and/or family.

Mental Health Directives

- Determine if a Mental Health Advance Directive is in place and advise the attending physician
- In the event a mental health advance directive is discovered to be in place the patient and/or family will be advised that Shriners Hospitals for Children® - Spokane's scope of service and mission does not include mental health care
- In the event the directive has been executed, informed consent for surgical or medical treatment at Shriners Hospitals for Children® - Spokane would be provided by the agent specified in the directive
- The above actions are documented in the medical record along with a copy of the Mental Health Advance Directive.

REVIEW AND EVALUATION:

- Any changes or additions to this policy, require providing an updated copy of this policy to the Department of Health within 30 days of approval, in addition to posting updated policy on the SHC website (WAC 246-320-141).

REFERENCES:

- Code Blue Shriners Hospitals for Children® - Spokane Hospital policy
- The Joint Commission Standards
- Washington Administrative Code, WAC 246-320-245 Patient rights and organizational ethics
- Advance Directive booklet
- Patient Rights and Responsibilities brochure
- Shriners Hospitals for Children® Regulations and Bylaws
- Revised Code of Washington (RCW)
 - Chapter 70.122 RCW: Natural death act

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- Chapter 71.32 RCW: Mental health advance directives

DEPARTMENT RESPONSIBLE FOR REVIEW:

- Administration