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A closer look at The Joint Commission AD Standards

The Joint Commission Standards on Advance Directives require that hospitals comply with the Patient Self Determination Act

SIMPLY PROVIDING INFORMATION ON ADVANCE DIRECTIVES IS INSUFFICIENT; THE SUBJECT MUST BE DISCUSSED SO THAT PATIENTS UNDERSTAND THEIR OPTIONS FOR DECISION-MAKING.

The Joint Commission (TJC) Standards on Advance Directives

Standard RI.01.05.01

- **EP 1.** Hospital has written Policies and Procedures on advance directives in accordance with law and regulation:
 - Including P&P on forgoing or withdrawing life sustaining treatment, and
 - P&P on withholding resuscitative services
- **EP 4.** In outpatient settings, hospital's written AD policies specify:
 - whether hospital will honor AD in outpatient setting and
 - in which outpatient setting AD will be honored
- **EP 5.** Hospital actually implements its AD policies
- **EP 6.** Hospital provides patients with written information about AD, including:
 - foregoing or withdrawing life sustaining treatment
 - withholding resuscitative services
- **EP 8.** On admission, hospital provides patient with information if hospital unable or unwilling to comply with AD
- **EP 9.** Hospital documents if patient has or does not have an AD
- **EP 10.** Hospital refers patient for assistance in drafting AD upon request
- **EP 12.** Hospital honors patient's right to review and revise AD

- **EP 13.** Hospital honors AD in accordance with law and regulation and the hospital's capabilities
- **EP 15.** Hospital documents patient's wishes concerning organ donation when patient makes such wishes known, or as required by P&P and laws and regulations
- **EP 16.** Hospital honors patient's wishes concerning organ donation within limits of hospital's capabilities and laws and regulations
- **EP 17.** Access to care is not determined by whether or not patient has an AD
- **EP 19.** For outpatient hospital settings: Hospital communicates its AD policy upon request or when warranted by the care, treatment and services provided
- **EP 20.** For outpatient hospital settings: hospital refers patient to resources for assistance with drafting an AD