

Johnson County Hospital

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POLICY ON PATIENT SELF-DETERMINATION

The Johnson County Hospital is a public hospital dedicated to the care of disabled, sick, suffering and dying persons. Respect for life support of individual dignity, and the pursuit of patient well-being are central values to the mission of Johnson County Hospital.

The Johnson County Hospital respects the right to the patient and recognizes the individual needs of each patient to make informed decisions regarding his or her medical care, including the decision to continue or discontinue health care treatment with the general principles of Johnson County Hospital's ethical code.

The Johnson County Hospital will comply with the Patient Self-Determination Act and will facilitate the process for patients to express their preferences regarding treatment or, in accordance with state and federal law, to designate a representative to act in the best interests of the patient. This policy intends to assure that the decision-making regarding treatment decisions is done in keeping with current ethical, legal and clinical standards.

The Johnson County Hospital will not condition the providing of care with or discriminate against any patient based on whether or not the patient has executed an Advance Directive. Any individual that has a complaint concerning Advance Directive requirements may file them with the State Survey and Certification Agency.

The Johnson County Hospital will provide for educations for staff and the community on issues concerning Advance Directives.