



## Long Island Hand & Orthopedic Surgery Center, LLC

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SURGERY AND REHABILITATION OF THE  
HAND & WRIST  
ELBOW & SHOULDER  
MICROSURGERY

Dear Patient:

We are enclosing the following items for your review prior to your surgery date. We will discuss them again with you on the day of your surgery. Please let us know if you have any questions.

### **Patient's Rights and Responsibilities**

This document outlines what your rights are as a patient in our facility and the responsibilities that you have as a patient to help to support us in providing your care.

### **Facility Ownership**

All free-standing ambulatory surgery centers are required to disclose the ownership of the facility to their patients. Dr. Jerry Ellstein and Dr. Neal Hochwald are the owners of the Long Island Hand & Orthopedic Surgery Center.

### **Available at the surgery center:**

**Advance Directive:** An Advance Directive is a type of written or verbal instruction about health care to be followed if a person becomes unable to make decisions regarding his or her medical treatment. These instructions regarding your care will be followed during periods of time when you lack capacity to make medical treatment decisions. Different types of Advance Directives include:

- **A Health Care Proxy** is the appointment of someone you trust, and who knows you well, such as a family member or close friend, who will agree to act in your best interests, and in accordance with your wishes, regarding your healthcare if you lose the ability to make decisions about your treatment for yourself.
- **A Living Will** is a written document in which you, as an adult who is now competent, can express your wishes regarding your future health care in the event that you are unable to make health care decisions. You can include a statement of your preferences and desires regarding medical treatment with your living will, which can serve as a useful resource and directive to your treatment provider.

Please feel free to discuss either of these Advance Directives with our staff. **If you have a Health Care Proxy or Living Will, please bring a copy with you the day of your surgery.**

The Center for Medicare and Medicaid Services requires that we provide you with this information regardless of who your insurance carrier is.

Sincerely,

Long Island Hand & Orthopedic Surgery Center