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1.0 PURPOSE

To establish a consistent means of addressing Informed Consent issues with Human Research Subjects.

2.0 SCOPE

This will apply to all Human Research Subjects while on BNL grounds.

3.0 POLICY

- 3.1 It is the policy of the CRC to provide emergency life support in emergency situations and transport the subject to the nearest medical facility as soon as possible.
- 3.2 The subject will be notified of the policy if it is determined that he/she has a Living Will or Health Care Proxy.

4.0 REFERENCES

Joint Commission Comprehensive Accreditation Manual for Ambulatory Care
2004 Standard RI 2.80
[Consolidated Laws, Public Health, Ch. 45, Sections 2981.](#)

5.0 DEFINITIONS

Advance Directive: A document that indicates an individuals health care wishes if the individual becomes incapable of making treatment decisions.

Health Care Proxy: Someone appointed by an individual to make health care decisions for an individual who has lost the capacity to make their own decisions.

Living Will: Same as Advance Directive.

6.0 PROCEDURE

- 6.1 During the initial telephone screening the CRC staff will determine if the subject has an Advance Directive or Health Care Proxy.
- 6.2 If the subject has such a document, the CRC staff will explain the BNL policy and request that the subject bring a copy to be placed in their chart.
- 6.3 If the subject requests more information, he/she will be given copies of the “New York Living Will” form and the “New York State’s Proxy Law” from the CRC office.

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