

Do-Not-Resuscitate Directives

Highlights	Policy Statement
Definition	<p>Do-Not-Resuscitate directives will be respected in accordance with state law and facility policy.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Policy Interpretation and Implementation</p> <p>Do Not Resuscitate — Indicates that, in case of respiratory or cardiac failure, the resident, legal guardian, health care proxy, or representative (sponsor) has directed that no cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) or other life-saving methods are to be used.</p>
Screening for DNR Directives upon admission	<p>Admission personnel shall require resident/ legal representative to fill out the Notice of Health Care Decision form. A copy of this form will be placed in the resident's medical record under 'Advanced Directives' tab. Advanced directives are not effective until a copy is provided to the facility and made a part of resident's medical record</p>
DNR Advanced Directives Information	<p>Information about DNR Directives will be available from Social Service and Nursing.</p>
Form Requirement	<p>Illinois: The Illinois Department of Public Health (IDPH) has developed the “IDPH Uniform Do-Not-Resuscitate (DNR) Advance Directive” that resident’s physician can use. A DNR order completed on this form should be honored by health-care professionals and providers in health-care facilities, as well as by EMTs and paramedics. Health-care facilities also <u>may</u> have their own form, but this guidance addresses only the IDPH Uniform DNR Advance Directive.</p> <p>Indiana: No form is required Nebraska: No form required Ohio: State specific form is required</p>
Photocopies of DNR Advanced Directives	<p>Photocopies of properly executed Advance Directives from another source are valid. Nursing and/or Social Service representative must confirm with resident/legal representative the validity of DNR Directives.</p>
Physician Order	<p>Physician order is necessary for the DNR Directive to be valid.</p>
Telephone order	<p>Telephone order for DNR may be taken, if witnessed by 2 nurses. Physician must document in the medical record during he next visit to the facility</p>

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Documentation in Resident's medical record

Conversations with resident/legal representative regarding resident's DNR status must be documented in the resident's medical record by Social Service and/or Nursing.

Change in DNR Status

Resident and/or legal representative may change (ex: revoke) resident's DNR status at any time. Immediate physician notification, obtaining necessary orders and appropriate documentation in resident's medical record is required.

Color Coded Bracelets

Residents who have a valid DNR order must wear purple color coded wrist bracelets.

Checking the Medical Records

In the event of emergency, staff should also check in Resident's Medical Record under 'Advanced Directives' tab.