

General Policy and Procedure

Do-Not-Resuscitate Patients

The Washtenaw/Livingston MCA recognizes that certain patients will receive no medical benefit from the full spectrum of available emergency services. The patient's personal physician is optimally qualified to assist the special needs patient in determining when further efforts to prolong life are futile. When these special needs are adequately documented, EMS personnel will honor the wishes of the patient. Adequate documentation includes any of the following:

- Completed Washtenaw/Livingston MCA Limited Care Form.
- DNR order signed by the patient's physician.
- Completed MDCIS recommended DNR order sheet.
- Completed" Do-Not-Resuscitate Order - Adherent of Church or Religious Denomination MDCIS recommended form. Note: This form does not require a physician's signature.
- Completed Do-Not-Resuscitate Identification Bracelet.

When operative, these advanced directives should be attached to the Medical Incident Report.

The patient, patient advocate, family members or the patient's physician may revoke the order if they believe they are acting in accordance with the patient's wishes. The pre-hospital provider will then honor the modified request. The pre-hospital provider may also treat the patient as he/she feels is appropriate if they have doubts concerning the patient's wishes or the validity of the document.

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