



# Treatment Protocol

# 4203

Policy: <b>Do Not Attempt Resuscitation</b>	Effective <b>April 1, 2018</b>	Expires <b>March 31, 2019</b>
	Approval: Medical Director <b>Reza Vaezazizi, MD</b>	Signed 
Applies To: <b>PSP, EMT, AEMT, PM, MICN, BHP, EMS System</b>	Approval: REMSA Director <b>Bruce Barton</b>	Signed 

Enter from the Universal Patient Treatment Protocol  
For specific Patient Disposition of Do Not Attempt Resuscitation / Discontinue Resuscitation

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## Patient Disposition

### Do Not Attempt Resuscitation

Do not attempt resuscitation when one or more of the following are present:

1. Mass casualty incident patient remains apneic despite manual airway maneuvers
2. Apneic and pulseless with rigor mortis and postmortem lividity
3. Decapitation
4. Generalized decomposition or incineration
5. Separation of brain, heart, or lungs from body
6. Total abdominal evisceration
7. Complete transection of torso
8. A valid, signed, and dated advance directive (DNR/POLST/DNR medallion/Final Attestation Form) indicating that resuscitation is not desired

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9. Blunt trauma arrest with persistent asystole, agonal rhythm, or PEA at a rate less than 40

### Discontinue Resuscitation

Discontinue resuscitation when one or more of the above items 1–9 are present

To discontinue resuscitation in pediatrics requires a base hospital physician order (BHPO)

Discontinue resuscitation when all of the following are present prior to transport:

1. Medical (not trauma) patient
2. Unwitnessed arrest
3. No shock indicated
4. Resuscitation has been attempted for 20 minutes without ROSC
5. Persistent P<sub>Et</sub>CO<sub>2</sub> less than 15 mmHg
6. Persistent asystole, agonal rhythm, or PEA at a rate less than 10

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### Following Prehospital Determination of Death

When the decision not to attempt / to discontinue resuscitation has been made at scene:

1. Leave the body as found / as last positioned during resuscitation
2. Leave the scene without further disturbance / invasive medical devices left in place
3. Comfort and care for survivors
4. Notify local law enforcement (LE) of prehospital determination of death
5. Contact the County of Riverside Coroner's Office, give report, and answer all applicable questions
  - a. If coroner's case, or if not determined while you are still at scene:
    - i. Arrange for the Coroner's Office to receive a copy of the completed ePCR/PCR
    - ii. Remain at scene until released by LE

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<b>Patient Disposition</b> <i>(continued)</i>				
<p>7. Include these details on the ePCR/PCR:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Location of the body</li> <li>b. All recorded times</li> <li>c. History, medications, time of death, circumstances, and description of any advance directive / DNR / POLST / DNR medallion</li> <li>d. Identification of the local law enforcement officer at scene</li> <li>e. Identification of the coroner's investigator who received report and coroner's case number</li> <li>f. Disposition of the body, if determined while you are still at scene</li> </ul> <p>When the decision not to attempt / to discontinue resuscitation has been made during transport:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Stop in a safe location without crossing county lines</li> <li>2. Comfort and care for any survivors present</li> <li>3. Contact the County of Riverside Coroner's Office, give report, and answer all applicable questions</li> <li>4. Follow the Coroner's directions for:               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Disposition</li> <li>b. Notification of local law enforcement</li> </ul> </li> <li>5. Complete ePCR/PCR as described above</li> </ul> <p><i>Contact a Base Hospital and/or the Coroner's Office as needed for guidance in unusual circumstances</i></p>	P S P	E M T	A E M T	P M

<b>Return to Universal Patient Treatment Protocol</b> <i>For continuing Scene Management, Emergency Stabilization, Patient Disposition, or Patient Management</i>				
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<b>*****    *****    Base Hospital Orders    *****    *****</b>				
Initiate, repeat, or modify standing orders within scope of practice As ordered		E M T	A E M T	P M
Discontinue resuscitation in pediatrics As ordered <u>Requires a base hospital physician order (BHPO)</u>				P M
Assess, clarify, monitor, treat within scope of practice, and determine or change disposition and/or destination As ordered Mode of transport is an operational decision		E M T	A E M T	P M