

RESUSCITATION POLICY

The attending physician is responsible for the discussion of the options regarding resuscitation with each resident. The physician will then write "DNR" for "do not resuscitate" in the charts of those residents who choose this option. NO telephone or verbal orders will be accepted.

Resident and / or responsible person will sign a Statement of Intent concerning resuscitation. A Comfort Care/Do Not Resuscitate ("DNR") Order Verification will also be signed by resident and/or responsible person. Both forms will be signed by the attending physician and will be kept in the chart of each resident. The original ("CC/DNR") must accompany resident at time of transfer to a hospital.

The physician will document the discussion of resuscitation in the progress notes and indicate who made the decision. A competent resident may make the decision him/herself. If the resident is incompetent, the legal guardian or responsible person will make the decision.

The DNR order will be written in the following places:

- ...The physician order sheet
- ...The medication sheet

It will be written in red ink on the medication sheet and the kardex to render it more noticeable. The DNR order must be renewed every 180 days for each resident.

A form regarding resuscitation is now part of the admission packet. (See attached copy)

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