

Death in the Field

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Procedure

Withholding life support measures

Life support may be withheld if any of the following exists: ①

- Patient qualifies for DNR status
- Decapitation
- Rigormortis in a warm environment
- Dependent lividity:
venous pooling in dependent body parts
- Patient is pulseless and apenic following a blunt traumatic event

To DISCONTINUE resuscitation efforts see page 2.

All hypothermic patients, victims of electrocution, lightning strike, and drowning should receive resuscitation measures and be transported

Cover the body with a sheet.
Contact the appropriate authorities.

Secure the scene:
Do not remove personal property from the body. Do not disturb the scene or leave the body unattended.

Assess need for pastoral services for family/friends if present. Contact appropriate authorities as needed.

Complete your scene report.
Relinquish scene control to the Medical Examiner.



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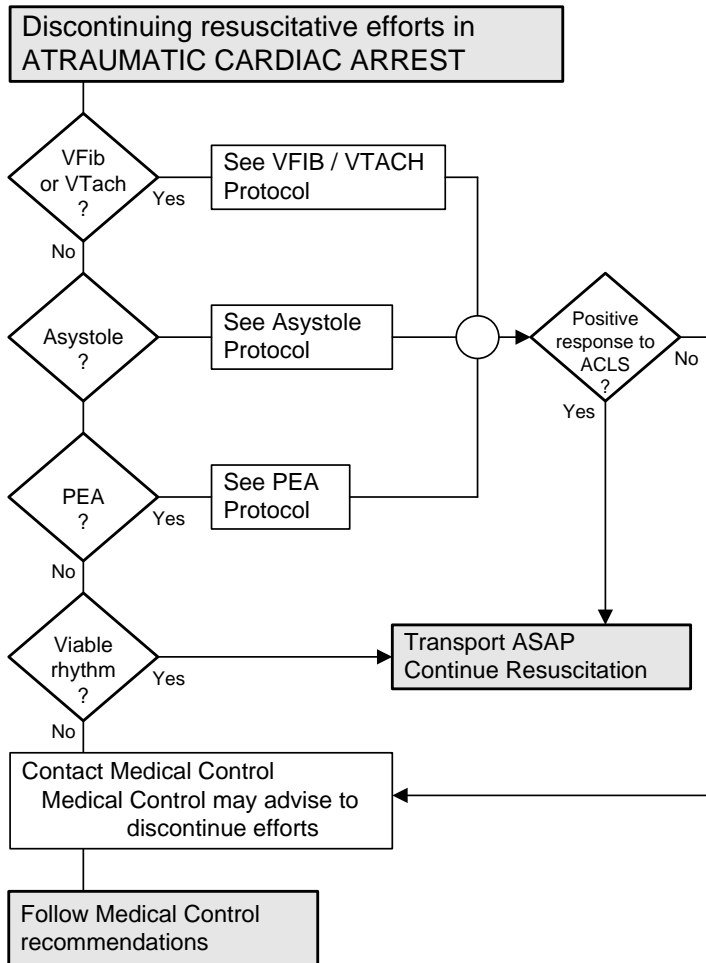
- All Patient Care/Assessment
- Record EKG Strip on all Non-Traumatic Deaths ②
- Communication with Medical Control
- Time Medical Examiner Notified
- DNR Status if Applicable

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1 Contact Medical Control

2 Record calibration of cardiac monitor as well as patient rhythm.

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