

# Do Not Attempt Resuscitation (DNAR) Order

in the event of cardiac and / or respiratory arrest

Fix DNAR Order inside front cover of patient's clinical records unless / until Order is cancelled

Surname:
First name
Date of Birth:
Hospital No:
Consultant:

The patient is to receive full, active management unless in cardiac and / or respiratory arrest

<b>Date</b>	<b>Reason for DNAR Order</b> <i>See over (a), (b), (c) or (d)</i>	<b>Patient or relative</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• patient sign where possible</li> <li>• or named relative sign where possible</li> </ul> <small>Indicate relationship</small>	<b>Doctor</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Print name</li> <li>• Grade</li> <li>• Signature</li> </ul>	<b>Nurse</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Print name</li> <li>• Grade (Senior or I/C)</li> <li>• Signature</li> </ul>	<b>Date for review</b>

See over the page for reason for DNAR status & how to cancel this order

## **Reason for DNAR Order**

Please read and refer to the accompanying policy document.

The reasons for a DNAR order may be one of the following:

- a) Where the patient's condition indicates that effective cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) is unlikely to be successful.
- b) Where CPR is not in accord with the recorded, sustained wishes of the patient who is mentally competent.
- c) Where CPR is not in accord with a valid applicable advance directive (anticipatory refusal or living will). A patient's informed and competently made refusal which relates to the circumstances which have arisen is legally binding upon doctors.
- d) Where successful CPR is likely to be followed by a length and quality of life which would not be in the best interests of the patient to sustain.

## **Cancelling this DNAR order**

To cancel this DNAR Order it should be crossed through and signed by a doctor and a nurse. It should then be stored in the patient notes with other cancelled charts.

If the patient's resuscitation status is not reviewed by the "for review" date then the patient reverts to being for full attempted resuscitation.

## **Further Information**

The 4 - page DNAR policy document should be available on every ward.