



**DO NOT ATTEMPT
RESUSCITATION (DNAR)
ORDERED WITHOUT CONSENT
OF THE SURROGATE
DECISION-MAKER**

DATE

MRN

NAME

DNAR definition:

Do not attempt resuscitation or try to reverse the process of death in a patient with a life-threatening illness who is found pulseless and/or without spontaneous respirations.

No ACLS Protocol to be initiated = **NO CPR, NO INTUBATION, NO DEFIBRILLATION**

If any other interventions are to be limited, please document below.

- DNAR orders are never appropriate in a patient with decision-making capacity without their agreement. DNAR orders must reflect the patient's wishes when known, and be compatible with advance directives when present.
- For a patient without decision-making capacity, an attempt to reach consensus about withholding ACLS Protocol must first be made by the responsible physicians with the surrogate decision-maker. The discussion is summarized below.
- DNAR may be ordered without the consent of the surrogate decision-maker when the patient's surrogate decision-maker disagrees with the senior staff physician about the medical appropriateness of ACLS Protocol implementation and the senior staff physician wants to override the surrogate decision-maker's wishes.
- The form is to be completed **ONLY** by senior staff physicians and Ethics Committee consultant.
- The surrogate decision-maker has been informed of the decision to make the patient DNAR.
- **THIS FORM DOES NOT SUBSTITUTE FOR SPECIFIC DOCUMENTATION IN THE MEDICAL RECORD.**

Summary of Resuscitation Goals and Plan

Responsible Senior Staff: _____
Signature/Title Date, Time

Reviewing Senior Staff: _____
(same specialty) Signature/Title Date, Time

Ethics Consultant: _____
Signature/Title Date, Time