

## CODE STATUS

In case of a cardiopulmonary arrest, code status specifies in advance what specific life-saving measures will be attempted. Code Status categories helps physicians, nurses and other caregivers make thoughtful decisions in advance, to balance the wishes to "do everything possible" with the realities of a medical situation in which further attempts at resuscitation can only prolong suffering without a chance of recovery. The Code Status ideally should follow the plan of care.

Please choose one of the following categories of resuscitative you would like to have attempted if you were in a cardiopulmonary arrest and cannot communicate to us what you would prefer to be done at that time. That is, to what extension do you want resuscitative measures to be taken?

**Category I: "Full Code."** All resuscitative measures performed, including chest compressions, intubation, electrical cardioversion, medications, volume expanders, blood products, oxygen, etc.

**Category IIA: "Chemical Code."** NO chest compressions and NO intubations. However, casopressors, antiarrhythmic drugs, electrical cardioversion, noninvasive mechanical ventilation, plus IV antibiotics, oxygen, blood products and volume expanders are permitted

**Category IIB:** NO intubation, NO chest compressions, NO antiarrhythmic drugs, NO vasopressors and NO electrical cardioversion. However, IV antibiotics, blood products, volume exapanders and oxygen are permitted.

**Category III: "Comfort Support."** NO resuscitative measures at all. Perform palliative measures to increase patient comfort and dignity.

- *Note: You may change your code status at any time you wish.*

Print Name	Signature	Date
Witness Print Name	Witness Signature	Date
Physician Print Name	Physician Signature	Date