

Subject: Do Not Resuscitate Forms (DNR) / Death Notification Guide
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Description:

Universal Do Not Resuscitate (DNR) Form

Process:

- Original DNR form should be kept with the patient or in the patient's chart at all times.

Death Notification Guide:

If a Patient Dies in an Acute Care Setting

Full Code: Initiate emergency medical response according to your facility policy.

Do Not Resuscitate: Follow your facility policy.

Suspicious Death: Call the Lincoln Emergency Communications Center at 402-441-6000 and report suspicions.

If a Patient Dies in a Licensed Healthcare Facility

Full Code: Initiate emergency medical response according to your facility policy.

Do Not Resuscitate: Follow your facility policy. Staff should call the Lincoln Emergency Communications Center at 402-441-6000 and request a Coroner. Inform the dispatcher of the patient's DNR status. The dispatcher will need the caller's full name, the facility name and address, and a callback number. A Sheriff's Deputy will then be dispatched to the location to conduct a Coroner's investigation. If the patient has been seen by a physician in the last 7 days and death was expected, there is no need to call for a Coroner's investigation.

Suspicious Death: Call the Lincoln Emergency Communications Center at 402-441-6000 and report suspicions.

If a Person Dies in the Community Outside of a Licensed Healthcare Facility

Full Code: Call 9-1-1 and initiate emergency medical response.

Do Not Resuscitate: Call 9-1-1. The deceased DNR form must be available for review by responding EMS providers upon their arrival in order for it to be honored. Please keep the DNR form in a prominent place.

Do Not Resuscitate Hospice patients: Hospice Staff should call the Lincoln Emergency Communications Center at 402-441-6000 and request a Coroner. Inform the dispatcher of the patient's DNR status. The dispatcher will need the caller's full name, address and a callback number. A Sheriff's Deputy will then be dispatched to the location to conduct a Coroner's investigation.

Suspicious Death: Call the Lincoln Emergency Communications Center at 402-441-6000 and report suspicions.