

DID YOU KNOW?



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WITHHOLDING CPR

Under certain circumstances, it is reasonable for EMS providers to withhold CPR. These circumstances include:

- ✓ Patient has valid **DNR**
- ✓ Injuries are incompatible with life
- ✓ Signs of non-recent death confirmed with ECG tracing showing asystole
- ✓ Arrest due to blunt and/or penetrating trauma

If you encounter any of these circumstances, provide comfort to the family and assist in facilitating care of the deceased. Note reasons for withholding CPR in the narrative section of the ePCR.



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