

HISTORY

DNACPR / CPR

- Confirm patient has DNACPR
- or-
- CPR has been attempted but without success

EXAMINATION

GENERAL OBSERVATIONS

- Confirm no overt evidence of signs of life
- Patient should be observed for 5 minutes from time of presumed death

AIRWAY / BREATHING

- Auscultate for at least 3 minutes:
 - Confirm not present

CIRCULATION

- Palpate carotid pulse for at least 1 minute:
 - Confirm not present
- Auscultate heart sounds for at least 3 minutes:
 - Confirm not present

DISABILITY

- Check pupillary response:
 - Confirm fixed / dilated / unresponsive to light
- Check motor response to pain:
 - Confirm no response to supraorbital pressure

DOCUMENTATION

Document the following:

- Date / Time of when you were advised of patient death
- No overt signs of life
- No breath sounds
- No central pulse
- No heart sounds
- Pupil fixed / dilated / unresponsive to light
- No response to supraorbital painful stimuli
- Confirmation of patient death at: Date / Time
 - Note: time of death is time death is certified not when you were notified