



PROCEDURES PROC-21B

TERMINATION OF TRAUMATIC RESUSCITATION

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Purpose:

- Termination of advanced life support efforts in the pre-hospital setting applies to situations in which patients experience a traumatic cardiac arrest.

Resuscitation Efforts Should NOT Be Terminated in trauma Patients Meeting the Following Criteria:

- The patient who demonstrates any neurological signs (spontaneous eye opening or spontaneous movement)
- The patient who has suffered cardiac arrest while in the care of MCHD-EMS personnel
- Patients who are pregnant
- Pediatrics
- Patients in PEA greater 30/minute, V-fib/V-tach

Resuscitation Efforts May be Terminated in Patients Meeting the Following Criteria:

No ROSC following interventions:

- CPR
- bilateral chest decompressions
- Straightening of long bones to length
- Fluid bolus
- Tourniquets placed on extremities with possibility of excessive hemorrhage

Procedure:

- If the patient remains unresponsive to advanced life support measures and meets the criteria above, the termination of resuscitation procedure may begin. The on-scene Supervisor must contact the MD On Call through ALARM at 936.441.6243 for termination approval prior to resuscitation efforts being discontinued. (Note: all consults MUST be recorded though ALARM)
 - If CPR was initiated prior to EMS arrival by bystanders or First Response agencies and the patient meets criteria for apparently non-viable cardiac arrest (see CG-31), consult is NOT required.
- The Supervisor or In-Charge paramedic shall contact ALARM for the notification of CPR being terminated and to call law enforcement if not already on scene.
- At all times MCHD-EMS personnel shall be attentive to the psychological needs of the "survivors" and provide support as needed. If outstanding circumstances exist, patient should be transported. Field termination is an option not a directive.
- The In-Charge Paramedic should contact LifeGift with patient information.

Reference:

Please refer to Clinical Guideline 29 for additional information about Out of Hospital DNR and death on scene.