

GRANDVIEW HOSPITAL AND MEDICAL CENTER

DNR COMFORT CARE PROTOCOL FOR HOSPITAL IMPLEMENTATION

PHYSICIANS AND INSTITUTIONS ARE EXPECTED TO HONOR THE DNR COMFORT CARE IDENTIFICATION. IF THERE IS CONCERN ABOUT THE SUITABILITY OF A DNR COMFORT CARE IDENTIFICATION, THE PHYSICIAN SHOULD EITHER FACILITATE OR NOT IMPEDE THE TRANSFER OF THE PATIENT TO A PHYSICIAN WHO WILL HONOR THE DNR IDENTIFICATION.

1. Patient's Admission with DNR Comfort Care Identification.*

- Discuss identification with patient/surrogate.
- Verify desire to continue DNR Comfort Care Identification.
- Complete the Level of Care Orders and attach DNR Comfort Care Identification.
- Honor the DNR Comfort Care Identification.

2. Presentation of DNR Comfort Care Identification after Patient's Admission.*

- Discuss identification with patient/surrogate.
- Verify desire to continue DNR Comfort Care Identification.
- Complete the Level of Care Orders and attach DNR Comfort Care Identification.
- If resuscitation procedures have been initiated, stop procedures and/or remove resuscitation related interventions.
- If the physician engaged in resuscitation efforts thinks DNR Comfort Care Identification is inappropriate, contact physician who signed the original DNR Comfort Care Identification.

3. Designation of DNR Comfort Care Identification during the Hospital Stay.

- Discuss the suitability of DNR Comfort Care with patient/surrogate.
- Complete the Level of Care Orders.
- Attach DNR Comfort Care Identification form to the Level of Care Orders.

4. Discharge of patient with DNR Comfort Care Identification.

- Discuss the suitability of continuing the DNR Comfort Care Identification for the patient with patient/surrogate.
- Verify that the DNR Comfort Care Identification accompanies the patient when the patient leaves the hospital.

*Refers to arrival in ER, formal admission to the hospital, and presentation for observation.