

Do-Not Resuscitate Oshkosh Fire Dept

- 1) A DNR order instructs us to not attempt resuscitation but to only provide comfort and care to a person for whom the order is issued, if that person suffers cardiac or respiratory arrest. If there is any question about the presence, validity or meaning (e.g. “chemical code” or “ventilate only”) of a DNR order personnel shall initiate full resuscitation measures and immediately contact medical control for clarification and further orders.

“Resuscitation” means cardiopulmonary resuscitation or any component of cardiopulmonary resuscitation, including cardiac compression, endotracheal intubation and other advanced airway management, artificial ventilation, defibrillation, administration of cardiac resuscitation medications and related procedures. “Resuscitation” does not include the Heimlich maneuver or similar procedure used to expel an obstruction from the throat.

- 2) A valid prehospital DNR order for the City of Oshkosh Fire Department is limited to the following:

- A. A valid State DNR Bracelet (Plastic or Metal)

1. The plastic bracelet (which looks like a hospital identification band) has been used in Wisconsin since 1995. The attending physician or designee attaches a standardized DNR plastic bracelet with an official insert containing the preprinted logo of the State of Wisconsin. The insert must include the physician’s name, business telephone number and signature.



2. The metal bracelet (from MedicAlert®) displays the internationally recognized symbol Staff of Aesculapius on the front and the words “Wisconsin-Do-Not-Resuscitate-EMS” and the qualified patient’s first and last name engraved on the back. There is still room on the back of the bracelet to add other health concerns and MedicAlert’s® 24 hour emergency phone number. The metal bracelet is ordered by the patient’s attending physician through MedicAlert®.

**A492- Basic Stainless Steel
Raised Steel with Polished Chain - small emblem**

On the front is MedicAlert's trademark logo with the Staff of Aesculapius.



The medical insignia and lettering are finished raised steel.

MedicAlert's Stainless Steel Bracelet is an almond-shaped disc with quality stainless steel construction.

- B. A signed standardized state DNR form (Nursing homes, CBRF, Hospice)
- C. Direct verbal orders from the patient's primary care physician (in person or via phone)
- D. A written, signed notation by the patient's primary care physician on the patient's record in a nursing home or extended care facility.

Note: *The patient's desire not to be resuscitated is controlling. In the event that a friend or member of the patient's family requests those resuscitative measures be taken, that person's request does not supercede a valid DNR order.*

- 3) The following conditions invalidate a DNR order:
 - A. The patient expresses to any of our personnel or health care provider the desire to be resuscitated. If this is done, the provider shall remove the DNR Bracelet.
 - B. The patient defaces, burns, cuts, or otherwise destroys the DNR Bracelet.
 - C. The patient (or another individual at the patient's request) removes the DNR Bracelet.
 - D. The DNR bracelet appears to have been tampered with or removed.
 - E. Any Healthcare provider knows the patient to be pregnant.

Note: *If any of these conditions exist, the patient care paramedic will record the date, time, place and conditions of revocation. Medical control should be notified as soon as practical.*

- 4) The Wisconsin Declaration to Physicians (DOH 0060) Rev 5/86 or "Living Will" and Durable Power of Attorney are **Not Valid** for pre-hospital situations. In this case, initiate resuscitation and contact medical control for clarification and further orders.
- 5) Copies of all documentation of patient DNR status should accompany the patient to the hospital if the patient is transported.
- 6) If a written DNR order is encountered and honored, a copy shall accompany the run report.

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