

WITHOLDING OR TERMINATION OF RESUCITATION

In all situations where any possibility of life exists, make every effort to resuscitate. **DO NOT TERMINATE** resuscitation efforts if:

- Patient is under age 18.
- Patient is visibly pregnant.
- Arrest may be due to hypothermia, drug overdose, toxins, or electrocution.
- Any ROSC or neurologic signs.

DO NOT INITIATE resuscitation if:

- Obvious death in the field: absence of vital signs and any of the following:
 - Decapitation
 - Decomposition
 - Rigor mortis
 - Dependent lividity
 - Incineration
 - Visual massive trauma to brain or heart, incompatible with life.
- Valid DNR order

DNR Orders and Other Advanced Directives:

- Advanced Directives and Living Wills are addressed in State Code: OCGA Chapter 32 Title 31.
- If a family member does not want the DNR Order to be honored, continue care until EMS arrival.
- If medics are advised that the patient has an existing DNR Order, but the document **IS NOT PRESENT AT THE SCENE**, initiate CPR.
- If presented with a document other than a valid DNR Order, such as a Living Will or Durable Power of Attorney, which appears to be an Advanced Directive, regarding resuscitation, initiate BLS until EMS arrives or is contacted for guidance.