INDICATIONS:

- Patient is in respiratory or cardiac arrest

AND

- Patient has a valid Idaho DNR order:
  - Intact (original or photocopy signed by a licensed independent practitioner or physician assistant and patient or their surrogate) Idaho POST/DNR (bilingual or English version) order, dated after 1 July 2007; or an Idaho POST/DNR bracelet
  - Patient has an intact (original or photocopy) signed Idaho Comfort ONE/DNR order, dated prior to 1 July 2007.
  - Patient has a signed DNR order from another state.

OR

- Patient is wearing DNR identification jewelry (Idaho POST/DNR or Comfort ONE/DNR.)

CONTRAINDICATIONS:

- The maker of the form or physician has revoked the DNR order.

- DNR order (photocopy or original, bracelet or necklace) is not physically present or has been defaced or destroyed.

- Verbal or physical threats from bystanders.

1. Perform routine patient assessment, resuscitation, or other medical interventions while an attempt is made to determine DNR status.

2. If valid DNR order or DNR identification jewelry is found, obtain reasonable assurance that the patient is the person for whom the order was written. (see page 4 of this document for examples of DNR identification jewelry)

3. If the patient is in respiratory or cardiac arrest and DNR status is confirmed:

   EMS providers WILL NOT
   - Initiate CPR
   - Provide ventilatory assistance
   - Initiate cardiac monitoring (unless to confirm death)
   - Defibrillate
   - Administer resuscitative medications

   EMS providers WILL
   - Provide comfort care

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- Provide emotional support (to the patient and family)

4. If the patient is not in respiratory or cardiac arrest, EMS providers will:
   - Attempt to determine if the patient has a POST form
   - Follow the patient’s treatment choices listed in sections B and C of the Patient’s POST form.

5. If resuscitative efforts have been started before learning of a valid DNR order, stop those resuscitative efforts. Contact medical control if questions exist.

6. If it is determined the patient does not have a valid DNR order, proceed with all resuscitative efforts within scope of practice. Contact medical control for any permissions to discontinue.

7. Revoking a DNR order may only be done by the maker of the form (this is the patient or person who signed the Patient/Surrogate block in Section E of the POST form), or attending physician, either verbally, or by removing the bracelet or necklace or destroying the original form and/or photocopy with patient. If revoked, perform full resuscitation.

8. If the patient has severe trauma, is involved in a mass casualty incident, or there is evidence of homicide or suicide, the EMS provider is not required to attempt to locate a POST form or jewelry.

9. The DNR order may be disregarded only if there is a good faith belief the order has been revoked, to avoid confrontation or if ordered to do so by the attending physician. An attending physician is a physician licensed in Idaho is selected by, or assigned to, the patient and who has primary responsibility for the treatment and care of the patient. The attending physician can be an EMS on-line medical control physician.

10. Complete the Idaho EMS Patient Care Report. State in the narrative how the patient was identified, events occurring during the EMS run, any verbal attending physician orders and patient outcome.
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Examples of POST/DNR Identification Jewelry

Examples of Comfort One/DNR Form and Identification Jewelry

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