

VALLEYCARE
**OLIVE VIEW-UCLA MEDICAL CENTER/HEALTH CENTERS
HEALTH INFORMATION MANAGEMENT SERVICES
POLICY & PROCEDURE**

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SUBJECT/TITLE: HIMS-DO NOT RESUSCITATE ORDER

POLICY: This policy is to establish guidelines for reporting Do Not Resuscitate (DNR) orders required by the State of California Office of Statewide Health Planning and Development (OSHPD).

PURPOSE:

DEPARTMENTS: HEALTH INFORMATION MANAGEMENT SERVICES

DEFINITIONS: A Do Not Resuscitate order is a directive from a physician in a patient's medical record indicating that the patient is not to be resuscitated in the event of a cardiac or pulmonary arrest. Resuscitative measures include, but are not limited to the following: cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR), intubation, defibrillation, cardioactive drugs, or assisted ventilation.

PROCEDURE: The Medical Record Coder is required to answer "yes" or "no" in the Hospital Information System, Medical Records Abstract/Abstract module on all inpatients regarding DNR orders.

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The following procedure is for inpatients during their current admission.

1. The DNR order can be written on the progress note or on a DNR form.
2. Indicate "yes" if the DNR order was written at the time of admission or within the first 24 hours of admission.
3. Degree of DNR order can be a single measure or a combination of two or more measures.
4. When a DNR order is written at admission or within the first 24 hours of admission and is discontinued, report as a "yes"
5. When a DNR order is written at admission or within the first 24 hours of admission and is discontinued before discharge and another DNR order

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written some time later, only the first order is reported “yes”.

6. **A written DNR can be used if a patient was transferred from within our hospital, Ambulatory Surgery, or Clinic as long as the DNR was written within 24 hours of admission, written as a transfer note, and written by one of our physicians.**
7. **It is a “no” if a patient was transferred from another hospital emergency room to our emergency room with a written DNR. It is only acceptable when a physician from our hospital staff writes the order.**
8. **Indicate “no” if the DNR order was written on a previous admission. The order can only be used for the current admission.**
9. **Advance Directives or Living Will cannot take the place of the DNR order. The physician must write the DNR order.**

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