

WITHHOLDING RESUSCITATIVE EFFORTS

REASONS TO WITHHOLD CARE:	EMR	EMT	PM
1. There is a risk to health and safety of personnel		●	●
2. Resources are inadequate to treat all patients (multiple patients)		●	●
3. Patient shows signs of irreversible death: Rigor mortis without profound hypothermia Profound dependent lividity Decapitation Transection Incineration Decomposition Injuries incompatible with life Mummification or putrefaction		●	●
4. Death has been declared by a physician, coroner/medical examiner		●	●
5. Valid "IDPH Uniform Practitioner Order For Life-Sustaining Treatment" (POLST) form or state approved "Do Not Resuscitate" (DNR) order that included: Name of patient The words "Do Not Resuscitate" or "Do Not Attempt Resuscitation/DNR" Dated document Signature of: Patient or legal representative Authorized practitioner (physician, resident ≥ 2 years, PA, APRN)		●	●

NOTE:

1. A living will by itself cannot be recognized by pre-hospital providers.