

# DEAD ON SCENE ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER

PATIENTS MUST BE PULSELESS AND APNEIC TO USE THIS AO  
IF PATIENT IS **HYPOTHERMIC** DUE TO SUBMERSION OR ENVIRONMENTAL EXPOSURE,  
FOLLOW ACLS GUIDELINES

Immediately assess for the following:

- Decapitated
- Decomposed
- Burned beyond recognition
- Extrusion of brain matter
- Removal of lower half of body
- Rigor Mortis
- Absent signs of life with a signed DNR order

If ANY of the above criteria are met, withhold or withdraw resuscitative efforts, call for Law Enforcement & secure the scene. Document time of notification, arrival on scene, & badge number of responding personnel.

## Likely Non-Traumatic Cardiac Arrest

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| <u>All of the following:</u>  | OR | <u>All of the following:</u>   |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Un-witnessed arrest</li><li>• Prolonged downtime likely</li><li>• No pulse for 60 seconds</li><li>• PEA/Asystole or non-shockable rhythm on AED</li></ul> |    | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Witnessed Arrest</li><li>• 20 minutes of resuscitation with:<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• PEA &amp; EtCO<sub>2</sub> &lt; 20</li></ul></li><li><b>OR</b></li><li>• Asystole or non-shockable rhythm on AED</li></ul> |

### Cardiac Arrest after Penetrating Trauma

Pulseless at EMS arrival  
**AND** Estimated time to Level one trauma center  
is >15 minutes

### Cardiac Arrest after Blunt Trauma

Pulseless at EMS arrival;  
consider bilateral midclavicular needle  
thoracostomy and if no return of pulses, terminate  
resuscitation

If **NONE** of the above criteria are met,  
Follow appropriate AO or call medical direction