



**Resuscitation
DO NOT RESUSCITATE
Practice Guideline**

Patient Care Goals:
 1. Respect for patient wishes of no resuscitation attempt during cardiac arrest
 2. Consideration for patient wishes of DNR where official documents may not be readily available

Patient Presentation:
Inclusion Criteria:
 Pt in cardiac arrest wearing WI DNR bracelet
 Pt in cardiac arrest with valid DNR or POLST papers
 Paper DNR/POLST order must be clearly stated AND must be signed and dated by physician
 Pt whose family/caregivers/significant others express patient's wishes for DNR status

Obtaining a DNR bracelet in Wisconsin
 Two types of DNR bracelets available (pictured on page 2):
 1) Plastic ID bracelet which looks like a hospital band, requested directly from physician and free.
 2) Metal bracelet which displays the internationally recognized symbol of Aesculapius (snake and staff) on the front and the words "Wisconsin-Do-Not-Resuscitate-EMS" and the qualified patient's first and last name engraved on the back (purchased from Stickyj® Medical ID for a fee)
Form WI F-44763 'Emergency Care do Not Resuscitate Order' does not qualify as a DNR order, rather, this form is used to obtain a DNR bracelet

State of WISC DNR details—Qualified patients:
 18+ y/o
 Terminal condition OR
 Medical condition where resuscitation would cause repeated cardiopulmonary failure within short time or would not restore cardiopulmonary function OR
 Resuscitation would cause significant physical pain or harm that would outweigh resuscitation recovery odds

Revoking an existing DNR order:
 The patient (or legal guardian or health care agent) may revoke a DNR order at any time by:
 1) expressing the desire to be resuscitated
 2) defacing, cutting or destroying the DNR bracelet
 3) removing the DNR bracelet

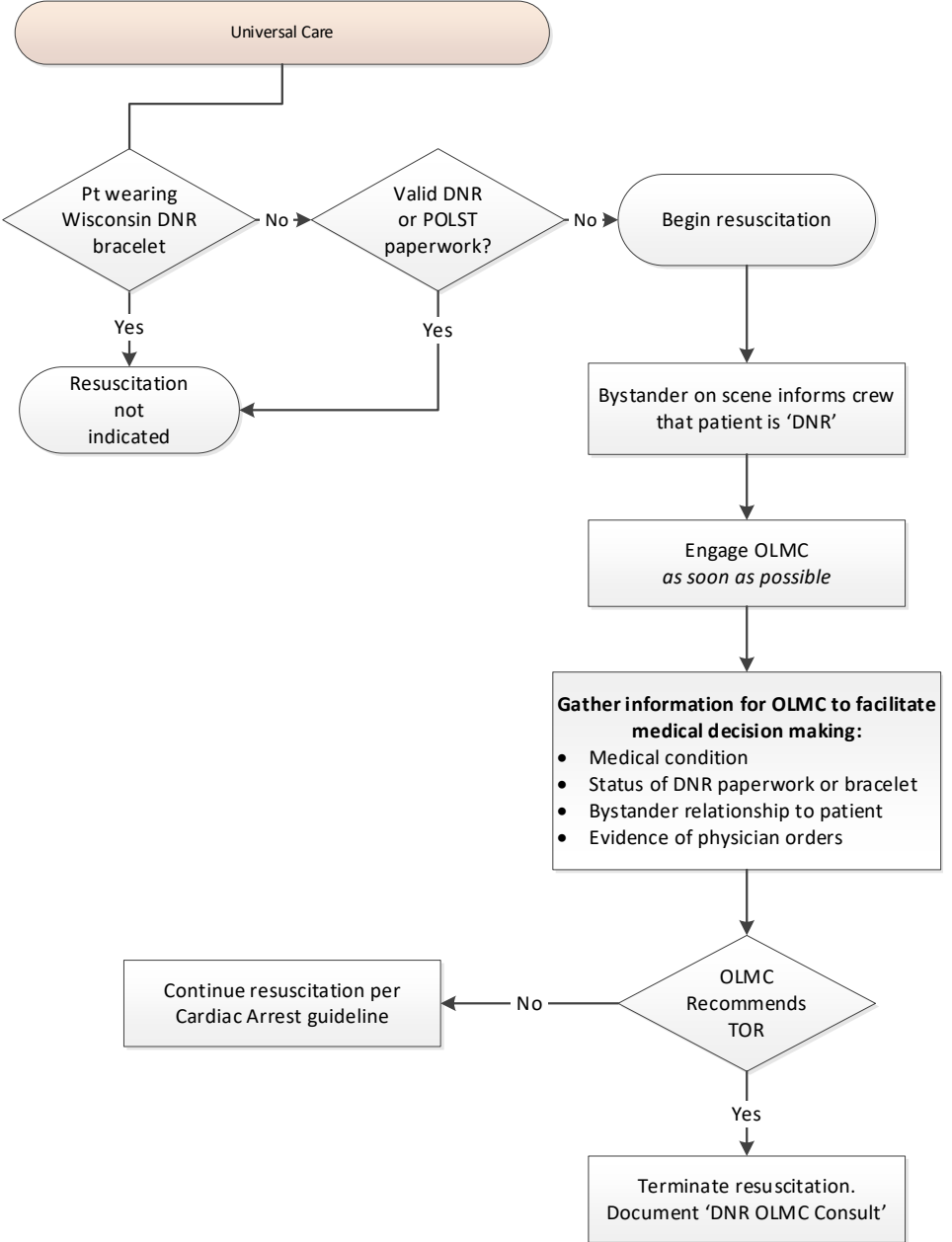
POLST (Physicians Order for Life Sustaining Treatment) is a legal document for people with advanced illnesses that specifies the type of care a person would like in an emergency medical situation.

Quality Improvement:
 If DNR cannot be immediately confirmed, begin resuscitation and engage OLMC early
 Detail cases of ROSC with late DNR discovery

Key Documentation elements:
 1. Evidence of DNR or POLST status
 2. Any controversy over DNR or POLST status
 3. OLMC Engagement
 4. Resuscitation details

Resuscitation may be discontinued without OLMC upon verification of valid DNR at any point during resuscitation attempt

Notes:
 Respectfully engage family/caregiver/significant other in compassionate discussion early on
 Contact OLMC as early as possible in questionable cases of DNR
 Hospice patients may or may not be DNR



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STATE OF WISCONSIN PLASTIC DNR BRACELET INSERT:

Do Not Resuscitate		
Jane Doe	SAMPLE	
111 Star Rd	Dr. Jones	
No Name, WI 99999	(608) 299-9999	
07/04/76 F	<i>July Jones, MD</i>	

STATE OF WISCONSIN METAL DNR BRACELET:



STATE OF WISCONSIN DNR INFORMATION: <https://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/ems/dnr.htm>

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