

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH SERVICES
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

SUBJECT: **STATE EMS AUTHORITY APPROVED
DNR MEDALLION**

REFERENCE NO. 815.2

PURPOSE: To provide guidelines for the use of the Do Not Resuscitate (DNR) medallion.

PRINCIPLES:

1. A medallion or bracelet attached to the patient is the most accurate form of identification for anyone not in a licensed facility.
2. Medallions should be engraved with "Do Not Resuscitate-EMS" and are issued only after a copy of the EMSA/CMA approved DNR Request Form or the EMSA approved POLST Form is received from an applicant. If a POLST form is used to acquire the medallion, the acronym POLST is inscribed on the medallion.

PROCEDURE:

1. If the patient has a DNR medallion, treat in accordance with the EMSA/CMA approved Prehospital DNR form.
2. If the patient has a DNR/POLST medallion and the POLST form is available, treat as indicated on the POLST form.
3. If the patient has a DNR/POLST medallion and the POLST form is **not** available, treat in accordance with the DNR until the valid POLST is produced.
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CROSS REFERENCES:

Prehospital Care Policy Manual

Reference No. 815, **Honoring Prehospital Do Not Resuscitate Orders**

Reference No. 815.1, **EMSA/CMA Approved Prehospital Do Not Resuscitate Form**

Reference No. 821, **Physician Orders for Life Sustaining Treatment**

EMS Authority: Recommended Guidelines for EMS Personnel Regarding Do Not Resuscitate (DNR) and Other Patient-Designated Directives Limiting Prehospital Care.


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