

# Dead At the Scene

**Designation of Condition:** The patient will be unconscious, unresponsive, pulseless, and apneic.

<b>B</b>	<p>Resuscitation efforts may be withheld if any of the following criteria are met:</p> <p>Obviously expired:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Presence of rigormortis or livermortis</li><li>• Obvious external exsanguination</li><li>• Decapitation, burned beyond recognition</li><li>• Massive open or penetrating trauma to the head or chest with obvious organ destruction</li><li>• Body decomposition</li><li>• Extended down time with cold skin</li></ul> <p>Advanced resuscitation efforts may be withheld in the presence of an approved DNR form.</p>
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<b>D</b>	<p>Advanced resuscitation efforts may be withheld in an expected death of a terminal patient without a DNR form, but will require <a href="#">MCEP</a> contact</p>
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