



Ohio Revised Code

Section 2133.23 Compliance with DNR order.

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(A) If emergency medical services personnel, other than physicians, are presented with DNR identification possessed by a person or are presented with a written do-not-resuscitate order for a person or if a physician directly issues to emergency medical services personnel, other than physicians, an oral do-not-resuscitate order for a person, the emergency medical services personnel shall comply with the do-not-resuscitate protocol for the person. If an oral do-not-resuscitate order is issued by a physician who is not present at the scene, the emergency medical services personnel shall verify the physician's identity.

(B) If a person possesses DNR identification and if the person's attending physician or the health care facility in which the person is located is unwilling or unable to comply with the do-not-resuscitate protocol for the person, the attending physician or the health care facility shall not prevent or attempt to prevent, or unreasonably delay or attempt to delay, the transfer of the person to a different physician who will follow the protocol or to a different health care facility in which the protocol will be followed.

(C) If a person who possesses DNR identification or for whom a current do-not-resuscitate order has been issued is being transferred from one health care facility to another, before or at the time of the transfer, the transferring health care facility shall notify the receiving health care facility and the persons transporting the person of the existence of the DNR identification or the order. If a current do-not-resuscitate order was issued orally, it shall be reduced to writing before the time of the transfer. The DNR identification or the order shall accompany the person to the receiving health care facility and shall remain in effect unless it is revoked or unless, in the case of a do-not-resuscitate order, the order no longer is current.
