

**SECTION: G-4**

**PROTOCOL TITLE: Special Resuscitation Situations**

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**A. Withholding resuscitation:** In situations requiring CPR (cardiac arrest), resuscitative efforts may be withheld under the following circumstances:

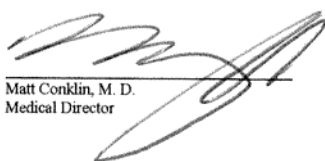
- Obvious signs of death as defined by:
  - Rigor mortis
  - Dependent lividity
  - Injury not compatible with life
  
- In all other situations full resuscitation efforts shall be initiated **unless**:
  - Rigor mortis
  - Dependent lividity
  - The physical presence of a physician signed DNR order in the setting of a hospital (i.e. Elks Rehab Hospital, Treasure Valley Hospital), or
  - The physical presence of a physician signed Out of State DNR order, or
  - The physical presence of a valid State of Idaho Comfort One order (photocopy is acceptable), or
  - The patient is wearing the State of Idaho approved Comfort-One *identification*, or
  - DNR written prior to July 1, 1994, regardless of format.
  - See *Appendix X: In Field Death/Comfort One/DNR guidelines* for further guidance.

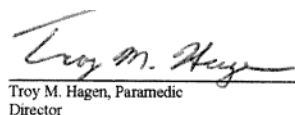
**If there is a question concerning the appropriateness of CPR initiation, begin CPR and contact medical control.**

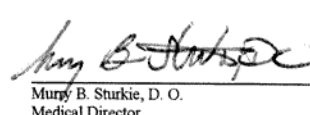
**B. DISCONTINUATION OF RESUSCITATION:**

In all cases where CPR efforts have been appropriately initiated, paramedic consultation with the on-line medical control physician is required prior to discontinuation. If CPR has been initiated inappropriately (as outlined above), personnel may discontinue CPR without on-line medical control.

**If there is a question concerning the appropriateness of discontinuing resuscitation, continue CPR and contact medical control.**

  
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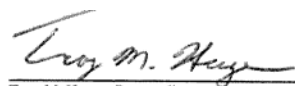
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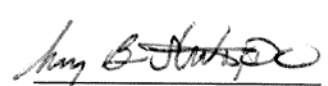
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