

AC08 Termination of Resuscitation

Objectives:

- To provide criteria for terminating resuscitation

General Information:

- Contraindications to using the protocol include patients who are exhibiting neurological activity, patients under 18 years old, or patients with suspected hypothermia
- Inappropriate initiation of CPR includes patients with dependent lividity, rigor mortis, injuries incompatible with life or a valid DDNR
- Resuscitation must continue while you are evaluating the patient
- Patients in cardiac arrest from environmental causes may warrant resuscitation efforts greater than 20 minutes (ie hypothermia, submersion injuries etc.)
- Once resuscitation has been discontinued
 - a) Distribute bereavement booklet to family members, if available
 - b) Leave all expendable ALS supplies in place



Warnings/Alerts:

- This protocol is not to be used during transport (transport is defined as moving the patient into the ambulance)

OMD Notes:

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References:

ACLS Provider Manual pg 63-64

Performance Indicators:

Onset of Arrest	Initial Rhythm	Patient Age
Neurological Exam	External Body Temperature	
Online Medical Control (Physician Name)		Time Resuscitation ended

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(For Scene Use Only – Not For Use During Patient Transport)

