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EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY

RE: Nursing Home Codes/Cardiopulmonary Arrests

All Nursing Home Codes/Cardiopulmonary Arrests shall be worked on scene at the nursing home.

Due to the COVID-19 Pandemic Full PPE must be donned prior to entering and starting any resuscitation.

Verify code status.

1. If full code, resuscitate per protocol on scene.
2. If full code, and in the paramedic's discretion, resuscitation would appear to be futile, the medic will call online medical control and speak with the physician on duty asking for DNR/DNI order and termination of resuscitation efforts.
  - a. If DNR/DNI given, contact coroner on duty.
    - i. If decedent has funeral home arrangements leave at scene and funeral home to get decedent.
    - ii. If decedent has no funeral home arrangement transport directly to the morgue after a barrier has been placed over the decedent's face.
  - b. If ordered to work the code/cardiac arrest, continue resuscitation per protocol
    - i. Recommend 20 minutes and/or 3 rounds of drugs
      1. No ROSC pronounce dead.
    - ii. Consider early termination
3. If return of spontaneous circulation (ROSC) occurs transport to the emergency department.
  - a. Follow post resuscitation protocols

Any concerns and/or questions about continued resuscitation and/or transport contact online medical control.

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