

California Pre-Hospital DNR

Basic Information

California Emergency Medical Services Authority (EMSA)

[http://www.emsa.ca.gov/DNR and POLST Forms](http://www.emsa.ca.gov/DNR_and_POLST_Forms)

The Prehospital Do Not Resuscitate (DNR) Form is an official State document developed by the California EMS Authority, in concert with the California Medical Association and emergency medical services (EMS) providers, for the purpose of instructing EMS personnel regarding a patient's decision to forgo resuscitative measures in the event of cardiopulmonary arrest. Resuscitative measures to be withheld include chest compressions (CPR), assisted ventilation (breathing), endotracheal intubation, defibrillation, and cardiotoxic drugs (drugs which stimulate the heart). The form does **not** affect the provision of life sustaining measure such as artificial nutrition or hydration or the provisions of other emergency medical care, including treatment for pain, difficulty breathing, major bleeding, or other medical conditions.

The DNR **must** be signed by the patient or by the patient's legally recognized health care decisionmaker if the patient is unable to make or communicate informed health care decisions. The patient's physician **must** also sign the form, affirming that the patient/legally recognized health care decisionmaker has given informed consent to the DNR instruction. The DNR form should be clearly posted or maintained near the patient.

You may download the form or call us at (916) 322-4336 to have the form mailed to you. If you wish to obtain a large supply, you should contact the CMA publications office directly, at 1(800) 882-1262 or www.cmanet.org.

- DNR Form: [Microsoft Word format](#) or in [Adobe PDF format](#).