

OUT OF HOSPITAL DNR (OHDNR)
FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Is my existing DNR form now illegal?

No, any existing DNR form is still valid. It does not carry liability protection provided for the form developed in the statute or regulation

Can the next of kin act as a surrogate and sign the new purple OHDNR form?

No, only the patient or "patient representative" may sign the form. There is no language allowing surrogate in the statute.

What is a patient representative?

As defined, a patient representative is, (1) An attorney in fact designated in a durable power of attorney for health care for a patient determined to be incapacitated under sections 404.800 to 404.872, RSMo; or (2) A guardian or limited guardian appointed under Chapter 475, RSMo, to have responsibility for an incapacitated patient."

Are there instruction that will tell me how to complete the form?

Yes, the form's reverse side has instruction on how to complete the form. The form can be obtained after August 30, 2009 from www.dhss.mo.gov/ems/forms.html or from the Bureau of EMS by calling (573)751-6356.

The form on the website is purple, but I don't have a color printer. What should I do?

Complete the form on your computer and print it on purple card stock.

Is there a specific color of purple designated?

No, any purple paper is accepted

Can my OHDNR form be used while I am in the hospital?

The form is developed only to be used outside the hospital. That decision would need to me made by the hospital

What is a patient?

"Patient", a person eighteen years of age or older who is not incapacitated, as defined in section 475.010, RSMo, and who is otherwise competent to give informed consent to an outside the hospital do-not-resuscitate order at the time such order is issued, and who, with his or her attending physician, has executed an outside the hospital do-not-resuscitate order under sections 190.600 to 190.621. A person who has a patient's representative shall also be a patient for the purposes of sections 190.600 to 190.621, if the person or the person's patient's representative has executed an outside the hospital do-not-resuscitate order under sections 190.600 to 190.621"

What is a “health care facility”?

"Health care facility", any institution, building, or agency or portion thereof, private or public, excluding federal facilities and hospitals, whether organized for profit or not, used, operated, or designed to provide health services, medical treatment, or nursing, rehabilitative, or preventive care to any person or persons. Health care facility includes but is not limited to ambulatory surgical facilities, health maintenance organizations, home health agencies, hospices, infirmaries, renal dialysis centers, long-term care facilities licensed under sections 198.003 to 198.186, RSMo, medical assistance facilities, mental health centers, outpatient facilities, public health centers, rehabilitation facilities, and residential treatment facilities;

Can a photocopy or fax be used instead of the original?

Yes, maybe photocopied or faxed, and this photocopy or other complete facsimile of the original OHDNR order may be used for any purpose for which the original OHDNR order may be used.

If you have questions in your local area, please contact your local ambulance service provider. For General questions you may contact the Bureau of EMS at (573)751-6356