

EMS/DNR or MOST From (original, completed form)



Ensure DNR (if applicable) documentation in chart



Determine whether patient is decisional



Yes? Patient signs the form

No? Legal authorized surrogate signs (advance directive, court order, or statutory hierarchy¹)



Primary Surrogate Unavailable?*



Secondary Surrogate** Signs



Then document:

- 1) The primary surrogate has given informed consent to the EMS/ DNR/ MOST order
- 2) The primary surrogate is not reasonably available to sign the form; and
- 3) Because the primary surrogate is not reasonably available to sign the form, authority to sign the form defers to the next person on the statutory hierarchy who is willing, able, and reasonably available to sign the form

*Reasonably Available: Surrogate reached in timeframe needed to make a decision before it increases risk of harm to patient or disrupts discharge planning; no matter the reason of unavailability

**Secondary Surrogate: The next statutory hierarchy of willing, able and reasonably available person. Authority exists for identified purpose (e.g. sign form) and not make other decisions/ reverse DNR. Can sign by proxy of

¹Statutory Hierarchy: 1) Guardian 2) DPOA w/ health care decision ability 3) spouse 4) adult children (w/ more than 1, majority of reasonably available children) 5) parents of patient 6) nearest living relative