

NON-INITIATION OF CARE

NOTE: 1. ADULT & PEDIATRIC PATIENTS MAY MEET NON-INITIATION OF CARE CRITERIA.

2. If care had begun and it is readily apparent to EMS that the patient met non-initiation of care criteria, **RESUSCITATION EFFORTS MAY CEASE.**

Non-Initiation of Care

- Resuscitation will not be initiated in the following circumstances:
 - Deep, penetrating, cranial injuries
 - Massive truncal wounds
 - DNR Order—present and valid
 - Frozen body
 - Rigor mortis, tissue decomposition, or severe dependent lividity
 - Triage demands
 - For patients in arrest resulting from **BLUNT OR PENETRATING TRAUMA** consider not initiating care for injuries obviously incompatible with life (Consider possibility of **MIXED MECHANISMS.**)
 - Prolonged arrest (greater than 10 minutes)

Exclusionary Conditions:

- Traumatic arrest in female patient with known pregnancy >24 weeks or with uterine fundus palpable at or above the umbilicus – rapid transport to nearest Emergency Department while continuing to treat patient. Manually displace the uterus to the left.
- Possible medical etiology
- Arrest is witnessed by EMS
- Lightning
- Hypothermia
- Focused blunt trauma to the chest, ex. a baseball to the chest (commotio cordis; responds to defib)

NOTE: Any requests about organ donations have them call, “Life Connection of Ohio” @ 800-535-9206.