



Greater Miami Valley EMS Council (GMVEMSC) Just in Time Standing Order (JITSO)

Section 1004: Do Not Resuscitate

Recent changes to Ohio law now permit EMS personnel to accept Do-Not-Resuscitate (DNR) orders signed by a physician assistant (PA, PA-C) or advanced practice registered nurse (NP, CNP, etc.).

This JITSO supersedes the current GMVEMSC standing order prohibiting EMS providers from recognizing DNR orders signed by providers other than physicians. Medical control physician (MCP) authorization is no longer required to recognize such DNR orders. However, medical control consultation is advised if there are any questions or concerns. NOTE: EMS providers are permitted to follow the direction of PAs or NPs regarding DNR ONLY. ALL other medical direction is to be from a physician (M.D. or D.O.).

In addition, a Statewide DNR Committee has given clarification as to the definition of “continuous monitoring” though it is still intentionally vague: “Brief cardiac monitoring is reasonable when needed in the EMS setting and during local transports.” Consult your medical director for more specific agency policy and practice.

Section 2008: Suspected Cardiac Chest Pain

The patient is no longer required to have a prescription before Nitroglycerin can be administered by EMTs. NOTE: medical control physician (MCP) contact and approval is still required.