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DNR Policy, 4.9450

POLICY STATEMENT:

The purpose of the Suspension of Do Not Resuscitate Orders during Peri-Operative Period Policy is to respect the treatment decisions of the patients at Hendrick Medical Center and its affiliates (Hendrick). Hendrick recognizes that patients and/or their proxies have a right to make treatment decisions including the right to have a Do Not Resuscitate Order instituted. Hendrick also recognizes that patients may undergo procedures which require the administration of anesthesia and on occasion such administration of anesthesia may involve procedures and practices which might be viewed as "resuscitation." Pursuant to this policy patients shall be given the right to suspend a Do Not Resuscitate Order during the peri-operative period.

DEFINITIONS:

Peri-Operative Period: The peri-operative period encompasses the immediate pre- operative time period (usually while in the pre-operative holding area) which begins with the administration of pre-operative medications, the operative period, and the immediate post- operative period (usually when in the post-anesthesia care unit) which continues until the patient is no longer under the direct responsibility of an anesthesia provider.

RULES:

1. Before the beginning of the peri-operative time period, a determination shall be made whether a Do Not Resuscitate Order has been entered on the patient's chart.
2. When a Do Not Resuscitate Order exists, the physician administering or supervising the administration of anesthesia and/or the surgeon performing the procedure shall advise the patient of the right to have the Do Not Resuscitate Order suspended during the peri-operative time period and shall discuss the options available to the patient.
3. If the patient is not competent or is non-communicative, then the following, in order of preference, (hereinafter referred to as proxy) shall be advised of the right to suspend a Do Not Resuscitate Order during the peri-operative period:
 - a. Attending physician and legal guardian; or
 - b. Attending physician and agent under a valid Medical Power of Attorney; or
 - c. If no guardian or agent, then by the attending physician and at least one of the following:
 - i. The patient's spouse;

- ii. The patient's reasonably available adult children;
 - iii. The patient's parents;
 - iv. The patient's nearest living relative; or
4. If no guardian, agent or if one of the above listed are not available then the decision is made by the attending physician and another physician who is not involved in the treatment or a representative of an ethics or medical committee of Hendrick.
 5. The physician administrating and/or supervising the anesthesia and/or the surgeon performing the procedure shall present to the patient and/or the patient's proxy, a consent form (attached to this policy as Exhibit "A") and secure its execution with an indication of the patient's or proxy's wishes.
 6. This informed consent may occur in the involved physician's office between the physician and patient. Hendrick will accept a signed, witnessed and completed consent form from the physician's office, providing the consent form meets the requirements of Exhibit "A". There may be no more than 30 days of the date of the consent to the date of the procedure.
The nurse will verify the signature on the form, obtain acknowledgement from the patient or proxy that the physician has obtained his/her consent; and inquire if the patient has any questions or needs further information/explanation, and if so, then have the nurse contact the physician for the physician to have an additional discussion with his/her patient regarding the procedure and the suspension of a Do Not Resuscitate Order.
 7. Hendrick nurses may assist the physician by obtaining signatures on the consent form only after the physician has obtained consent with regard to suspension of a Do Not Resuscitate Order. The nurse shall not assume the duty of disclosure in obtaining consent with regard to suspension of a Do Not Resuscitate Order.
 8. The executed consent form shall be maintained in the patient's medical records.
 9. The executed consent shall only be effective for the procedure identified thereon.
 10. The suspension of a Do Not Resuscitate Order may be revoked in writing by the patient or the patient's proxy.
 11. If the patient refuses to consent to the suspension of the DNR during the perioperative period, a discussion will ensue among the patient, the providers, and a member of the hospital Ethics Committee in order to determine care of the patient with respect to the DNR. See Policy "Advance Directives and Code Status" 4.7351.

Attachments

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