



EMS Systems – “End-of-Life” Issues

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Outline of Proposal

- ▶ **Introduction:** Do Not Resuscitate, Termination of Resuscitation, Death Declaration on Scene
- ▶ **Aim:** To compare death issues in EMS settings among Asian countries
- ▶ **Method:** Questionnaire
- ▶ **Significance:** Legal, Financial, Ethical, Clinical



Part I. Do Not Resuscitate (DNR)

- ▶ 1. Any DNR official regulation or law in your country?
- ▶ 2. Is it a national or local regulation?
- ▶ 3. What kind of patients does the DNR regulation apply to?
- ▶ 4. Who can sign DNR consent?
- ▶ 5. Does any visual identification stand for DNR consent?
- ▶ 6. Is DNR consent valid in pre-hospital setting?
- ▶ 7. Are EMTs authorized to not initiate resuscitation if DNR consent is presented?
- ▶ 8. Scenarios:

Part II. Termination of Resuscitation (TOR)



- ▶ 1. Are EMTs authorized to terminate resuscitation for out-of-hospital cardiac arrest (OHCA) patients?
- ▶ 2. Do EMTs have official TOR guidelines?
- ▶ 3. Is it a national or local regulation?
- ▶ 4. Does the TOR regulation for OHCA patients consist of any known guidelines (e.g. Patrie's guideline, Verbeek's guidelines, or Marsden's guidelines)?

Part III. Death Declaration on Scene



- ▶ 1. Are EMTs authorized to declare death on scene?
- ▶ 2. Do EMTs have official regulations to declare death on scene?
- ▶ 3. Is it a national or local regulation?
- ▶ 4. Please list the guidelines for death declaration on scene for EMTs: