“The resuscitation status of all patients brought into the perioperative care setting should be documented explicitly. For the avoidance of error and confusion, this is particularly important in the case of patients who are or who have been DNR. For those patients in particular, an entry in the chart should document whether the existing DNR status remains in force and, if not, how it is to be modified upon admission to perioperative care and upon discharge from perioperative care. Any ambiguity should be addressed with and by the surgeon of record.”

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| Pre Admission or Inpatient – Day(s) Before Surgery | - Advance directives and DNR/DNAR/DNI in the patient’s chart  
- DNR/DNAR/DNI surgeon’s orders (retain or suspend) and intervention plan. |
| PREOP (on the day of surgery) | **PREOP NURSE:**  
- Check and review advance directives.  
- Check surgeon’s DNR/DNAR/DNI order and intervention plan.  
- Contact surgeon for clarification:  
  - If no DNR Suspension surgeon’s order and no intervention plan on patient with existing DNR/DNAR/DNI.  
  - If there is a conflict or unclear DNR/DNAR/DNI documentation, patient’s advance directives and physician’s consent.  
- Check informed consent for anesthesia care, e.g. type of resuscitation and duration of intervention plan.  
- Assess patient or surrogate decision maker’s concerns and issues related to DNR/DNAR/DNI and communicate to physicians as indicated.  
- Provide hand off to OR Nurse.  
**NOTE:** If a nurse has an ethical discomfort/concern, inform Nurse Manager to resolve ethical conflict or concern by finding someone who is not bothered by the current state of affairs. |
| INTRAOP | **OR NURSE:**  
- Receive hand off report from Preop Nurse  
- Implement necessary actions to be taken  
**NOTE:** If a nurse has an ethical discomfort/concern, inform Nurse Manager to resolve ethical conflict or concern by finding someone who is not bothered by the current state of affairs. |
| Post Anesthesia Care Unit (Phase I) | **DURING HANDOFF REPORT:**  
- Receive hand off report from anesthesia provider and OR Nurse.  
- Check physicians’ DNR/DNAR/DNI orders, intervention plan, and duration of implementation time.  
- Check change in physician’s order to resume DNR/DNAR/DNI and effective time.  
- Obtain clear intervention plan throughout the length of PACU stay and upon transfer.  
- Provide hand off report to the receiving nurse upon transfer to the next level of care. |