

PLAN OF CARE- PATIENT EXPIRATION

When there is an **Expected** death at home and the patient has a “NO CPR” order signed by the physician in the home, the PDA responsibilities are as follows:

1. If there is no family present, notify person listed on Patient Emergency Care Plan.
2. Notify the agency of the death - ER cell 248-255-5870.
3. Clean up body-do not remove any tubes. Put dentures in patient's mouth. Check for incontinence-bowel or bladder.
4. Allow family time with patient.
5. Wait one hour with family before notifying police department.
6. Call local police department-explain an expected death has occurred.

Note exact time of death for Death Certificate.

7. The police will contact the medical examiner to release the body to the next of kin.
8. Assist the family with final arrangements, such as notifying the funeral home or calling other relatives if needed.
9. Stay with family until the body has been removed from home.

Please return in-home chart and any agency equipment in the home to the office.

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