

How to Request Durable Do Not Resuscitate Forms

Who Can Request Durable Do Not Resuscitate (DNR) Forms?

Durable DNR Forms are available only to physicians and to any facility, program or organization operated or licensed by the Board of Health or by the Department of Mental Health, Mental Retardation and Substance Abuse Services or operated, licensed or owned by another state agency.

The Virginia Department of Health cannot issue a Durable DNR Order Form directly to a patient. It can only be issued by a physician to a patient with whom there is a bona fide physician/patient relationship. It is this physician's responsibility to discuss information on the Durable DNR Form with the patient or the person authorized to consent on the patient's behalf.

How to Order Durable DNR Forms

All requests for Durable DNR forms must be submitted to the Office of Emergency Medical Services on a Durable DNR request form or the physician's or health care facility's letterhead. A request can be faxed to 804-864-7580. Orders for forms are generally filled within five business days after receipt of the order.

Sample Durable DNR Forms are available for facilities to use for patient education or admission packets, original Durable DNR Forms are not to be used for these purposes. A sample Durable DNR form can be downloaded from the Office of EMS web site at www.vdh.virginia.gov/oems/ If you have further questions about ordering Durable DNR Forms contact the Office of EMS at 804-864-7632.

EMS DNR Bracelets and Necklaces Are Available

The Durable DNR Necklace or Bracelet is a new alternate form of identification. After getting a Durable DNR Order form that was signed by their physician, the patient can purchase a Virginia Durable DNR bracelet or necklace from an approved vendor. The patient must furnish the vendor a copy of their Virginia Durable DNR Order form.

The Office of EMS does not sell bracelets or necklaces. A vendor list is available from the Office of EMS and is on the Office of EMS Web page www.vdh.Virginia.gov/oems/.

For More Information on the Durable DNR Order Program

The Regulations Governing the Durable DNR Program, Virginia Durable DNR Protocols for EMS Personnel, How to Request Durable DNR Forms and the Durable DNR request form are posted on the Office of Emergency Medical Services Web site www.vdh.virginia.gov/oems

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