

## Do Not Resuscitate

All patients at Arkansas Methodist Medical Center will receive full resuscitative measures unless a "do not resuscitate" (DNR) order is written on the medical record. A "do not resuscitate" (DNR) order means that in the event of a cardiac or respiratory arrest, resuscitative cardiopulmonary measures will not be initiated or carried out. If there is a DNR order, everything possible will be done to assist the patient with comfort and to alleviate pain.

A DNR order is written only after lengthy and careful discussion between you and your physician, and, if appropriate, your family. Your wishes are always honored in these cases and you and your family are the ones to decide whether heroic or resuscitative measures are to be used.

DNR orders from other facilities will be followed when a patient is transferred to Arkansas Methodist Medical Center as long as the proper paperwork accompanies the patient.