

# E9 CARDIAC RESPIRATORY ARREST

KEY QUESTIONS	PRE ARRIVAL INSTRUCTIONS			
Is CPR being done?	If yes, assist rescuer(s) with instructions as needed			
I'm going to help you with chest compressions:  How old is the patient?	<table border="1" style="width: 100%; text-align: center;"> <tr> <td style="border: 2px solid red; padding: 5px;">Age 0 - 11 months <a href="#">Infant CPR</a></td> <td style="border: 2px solid red; padding: 5px;">Age 1-8 <a href="#">Child CPR</a></td> <td style="border: 2px solid red; padding: 5px;">Over age 8 <a href="#">Adult CPR</a></td> </tr> </table> <p style="text-align: center;"><a href="#">Stoma Info Page</a> <a href="#">AED Instructions</a></p>	Age 0 - 11 months <a href="#">Infant CPR</a>	Age 1-8 <a href="#">Child CPR</a>	Over age 8 <a href="#">Adult CPR</a>
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INCIDENT TYPE	
Unconscious with abnormal or no breathing	CARD F
<p><b>Code as DEATH if one of the circumstances listed below are present</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. A physician (MD or DO), Nurse Practitioner, or a Physician Assistant is in attendance and has pronounced a person deceased.</li> <li>2. A hospice nurse in a licensed hospice facility reports that a person is deceased. (Very rare)</li> <li>3. When the caller reports specific signs of death:               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o Not Breathing -AND-</li> <li>o Cold to the touch -AND-</li> <li>o Stiff extremities -AND/OR-</li> <li>o Blood pooling in the body (lividity the purplish/black discoloration which occurs when blood settles in the body-occurs within 20 minutes to 3 hours of death)</li> <li>o -OR- decapitation</li> <li>o -OR- Vividly described signs of decomposition:                   <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Skin sloughing off</li> <li>▪ Body extremely bloated (drowning victim in the water for a long period of time - not recognizable)</li> <li>▪ Maggots in conjunction with other obvious decomposition</li> <li>▪ Body is green in color</li> <li>▪ Stench of decomposing flesh (keep in mind that an individual who has</li> </ul> </li> </ul> </li> </ol>	DEATH F

lain in excrement may smell bad,  
but may still be alive)

4. Do you think that the patient is beyond any help?

**If any doubt exists, code as a cardiac**

## **STAY ON THE PHONE WITH CALLER**

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### **SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION**

NOTE:

Always suspect airway obstruction in children