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Pronouncement of Death

POLICY STATEMENT

To pronounce patient expired at time of death

PROCEDURE

WHO:	DOES WHAT:
MD	Will pronounce patient if he/she is on the unit at the time of death.
RN/LPN	Notifies the attending physician of the patient's absence of BP, respiration, pulse, and apical heart rate. Asks for a telephone order to pronounce the patient expired. NOTE: The order should read as follows: "Pronounce patient expired at (time). T.O. (MD name) per (RN/LPN name) at (time)." Will document in the focus notes that the patient was assessed; no pulse, apical heart rate, BP or respirations found and the attending MD was notified for order to pronounce.
Attending MD	May elect to come to hospital to pronounce.

Attachments:

No Attachments