Do Not Attempt Resuscitation Questionnaire (DNAR)

The following questionnaire is aimed at establishing healthcare professionals’ attitudes towards DNAR orders and their understanding of them. DNAR is a newer term that has replaced the previous Do Not Resuscitate (DNR) orders.

*Required

1) What is your job title?* (mark only 1)
Options: Staff Nurse, CNM, CNS, ANP, Intern, SHO, Registrar, SpR, Consultant, GP

2) Age of Participant:*

3) Years of professional experience: * ___

4) What Specialty best describes the area in which you work?*
Options: List of specialties

5) DNAR means that in the event of cardiac arrest, the patient is not for resuscitation:* (mark only 1)
Options: True/ False

6) A DNAR order means that a patient is: (mark only 1)
Options: for immediate palliative care or for full treatment except CPR in event of cardiac arrest.

7) If a patient has a DNAR order, they can still:* check all that apply. (More than one answer allowed)
  - receive Antibiotics
  - receive Chemotherapy/ Radiotherapy
  - have Dialysis
  - have Surgery
  - have Physiotherapy
  - receive IV Fluids
  - receive pain relief
  - receive Oxygen
  - have NG feeding
  - have Airway suctioning
  - be referred to hospital from home or a nursing home
  - None of the above

8) A patient has a right to decline a treatment:* (mark only 1)
Options: True/ False/ Don’t know

9) A patient with decision-making capacity has a right to make a DNAR order, in the same way they can decline a treatment:* (mark only 1)
Options: True/ False/ Don’t know
10) A DNAR order can be made following direct discussion with a patient who has decision making capacity:* (mark only 1)
Options: True/ False/ Don’t know

11) When the resuscitation status of a patient in hospital is being decided, the next of kin can:* (mark only 1)
Inform the healthcare team of the patient’s likely views on CPR □
Demand resuscitation or DNAR □
Decide on resuscitation or DNAR □

12) In a patient lacking decision making capacity, who has not expressed their wishes previously, a decision regarding resuscitation can be made in their best interest by their consultant, treating SpR/ Registrar or GP, commonly in consultation with their family:* (mark only 1)
Options: True/ False/ Don’t know

13) When do you think a DNAR order should be discussed/ made on a patient with a life-limiting illness such as COPD, Advanced Cancer, Motor Neurone Disease etc.?* (More than 1 answer allowed)
On attending the GP Surgery □
On attending the Outpatients clinic □
After being admitted to hospital secondary to their chronic illness □
When they are in acute distress + unwell in the Emergency Department due to exacerbation/ decompensation/ deterioration of their chronic illness. □
When they are on a life support machine, in multi-organ failure and have failed all invasive therapy. □

14) Do you think end-of-life care should be discussed with the patient pre-operatively? *
Options: Yes/ No

15) Within the hospital which grade of professional has overall responsibility for a DNAR decision? *(mark 1 only)
The CNM on the ward □
The consultant □
The intern on-call □

16) If a patient is re-admitted to the hospital can a documented DNAR order from a previous admission be used?*
Options: Yes/ No/ Don’t know
17) A DNAR order should be regularly reviewed if the patient has a prolonged stay in hospital or is a resident in a nursing home:*

Options: Agree/ Disagree/ Don’t know

18) What percentage of patients are successfully resuscitated in an out-of-hospital arrest?*

(Mark only 1)
30-40% □
20-25% □
2-5% □

19) What percentage of patients are successfully resuscitated in an in-hospital arrest?*(Mark only 1)

15-17% □
50-52% □
30-32% □

20) By having a DNAR order, I feel the quality of the patient’s care is:* (Mark only 1)

Positively affected □
Negatively affected □
Not affected □

21) Have you heard of an Advance Care Directive or Living Will?* (Mark only 1)

Options: Yes/ No (Skip to Q 25 if answered No)

22) If YES, do you have one?* (Mark only 1)

Options: Yes/ No/ Answered no to Q21

23) If NO in question 22, the reason is:* (Mark only 1)

I have decided against it as I do not agree with them □
I plan to make one in the future □
Other □

24) If answered “Other” in Q 23, please explain the reason for not having an Advance Care Directive:*
25) Have you read the DNAR section of The National Consent Policy launched in 2013?*
Options: Yes/No

26) Do you think further education is required regarding DNAR orders?*
Options: Yes/No

27) Have you ever heard of the term “Allow Natural Death” (AND)?*
Options: Yes/No

28) What are your views on the term “Allow Natural Death” (positive/ negative points)?*

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