



National Institutes of Health
Bethesda, Maryland 20892

DATE: _____

TO: THE CHILDREN'S INN AT NIH

_____ is a patient of the National _____ and has a terminal disease. As the primary and attending physicians, we have designated his/her status as "Do Not Resuscitate" (DNR). This had been discussed with his/her parent(s) or legal guardian(s) and a DNR order has been officially entered into the Medical Record at the NIH Clinical Center. Despite his/her DNR status, we believe that _____ could still benefit from a stay at The Children's Inn while continuing to receive palliative care and treatment at the Clinical Center.

However, in the event of a respiratory or cardiac arrest, _____ should not receive resuscitative efforts (e.g., chest compression, cardiac medications, intubation, etc.). Of course, all comfort measures that are available should be provided.

If the status of _____ should deteriorate, please contact patient care unit _____ at extension _____ to notify them of the patient's transfer back to the Clinical Center by the NIH Fire/Ambulance squad. Importantly, in the event of a cardiac or respiratory arrest, after calling 911 to contact the Fire/Ambulance squad, please call 6-1211 and ask the operator to contact us or the physician on call responsible for _____. If emergency medical services have been contacted, please show them this letter when they arrive and instruct them that this patient has been declared DNR and is not to be resuscitated.

If you have any questions or concerns about this issue, please contact us immediately.

Thank you very much.

Sincerely yours,