

MORNING CMO REPORT

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DNR for Developmentally Disabled Patients

Applies to All Providers

DNR

On occasion, there are patients with developmental disabilities who are admitted to the hospital and who do not have family to assist with decision making. In these situations, the difficult decision of making someone a DNR requires approval by the State. The State allows for an expedited process conducted by physicians who receive formal delegated approval from the State to assist with this decision making.

Right now, we have a single physician, Dr. Nienke Dosa, who has been serving this important role for certifying these DNR decisions for developmentally disabled patients hospitalized at Upstate. While relatively rare (perhaps once a month), this is an important service to help be sure appropriate care is provided to developmentally disabled patients who are extraordinarily ill.

I want to thank Dr. Dosa for her work in this area. I would also like to encourage any of you who have at least three years of experience working with patients with developmental disabilities to volunteer for this certification. I am, personally, doing this and hope we can identify a few more physicians to assist when the need arises.

If you have any questions at all, please contact Mark Buttiglieri, 464-4345, who can provide you with the appropriate forms and give you a better sense of what the role would entail.

GO RED Campaign for the American Heart Association

Applies to All Providers

Go Red

I am writing today asking you to consider joining a group of dedicated men and women who are making a difference in the fight against heart disease and stroke. Five years ago, the Syracuse Chapter of the American Heart Association created its first Circle of Red with great success. Since then the Circle of Red, with the help of Men Go Red, have raised over \$100,000 in Syracuse alone!

This is the third year of Men Go Red, a group of men who want to make a difference in heart disease and stroke. Heart disease continues to be our number one killer of men and women. Since the launch of the Go Red For Women movement, more than 627,000 women have been saved from death by heart disease. That means 330 fewer women are dying per day. However, there is more work to be done to make a larger impact for all the people in our lives.

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By joining Men Go Red or Circle of Red with your donation of \$1,000, you will help us reach that important goal of improving cardiac care and funding life-saving research.

Almost all of us have been touched by heart disease in some way. Think about your wife, mother, daughter, sister, aunt, or friend. She is why we need to continue this fight against heart disease and stroke. Today, I invite you to be part of Men Go Red and please consider the 12th annual Go Red For Women Luncheon that will take place in October 2015.

All Men Go Red members receive:

- **Commemorative "Go Red" gift**
- **Participation in a photo shoot on Thursday, May 7 (invitation to follow); photo is displayed locally at Go Red For Women events and on local website**
- **VIP registration and admission for two at the Go Red For Women Luncheon in October 2015**
- **Recognition in the Luncheon program**

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