



EMIHS 5-minute Lineup Drill

Can we pronounce death in hypothermic patients?

... **YES** ...

Can we TOR hypothermic patients?

... **NO** ...

<i>Pronouncement of death</i>		<i>Termination of resuscitation</i>
Any patient who meets the criteria for pronouncement of death <i>should be pronounced when discovered, even after resuscitation begins.</i>	vs.	You may not terminate the resuscitation of a hypothermic patient based on resuscitation duration, cardiac rhythm, ETCO ₂ or carotid ultrasound using the TOR protocol

Examples:

- A decapitated hypothermic patient does not need to be resuscitated
- A stiff jaw or extremities in the hypothermic patient are most likely rigor mortis (criteria for pronouncement) or they are frozen (an injury incompatible with life)

Hypothermic patients in cardiac arrest may survive after a prolonged downtime.