



SECamb DNACPR PROCESS

SECamb have improved the way in which DNACPR documents received into the Trust are managed. DNACPR's are now uploaded to SECamb's Intelligence Based Information System (IBIS) as a PDF so that they can be viewed by clinicians in the control room in the event that the original form cannot be found at the patient's side.

The purpose of the change is to streamline our processes, ensure that patients' clinical needs are met and wishes at the end of life are adhered to, even in the case that a DNACPR is lost or destroyed on scene.

The **gold standard** approach to DNACPR management should be:

- ✓ A valid paper DNACPR (red bordered original) with the patient **and**
- ✓ An electronic copy of the DNACPR sent to SECamb to hold on IBIS

To ensure the form is recognised as valid by SECamb clinicians, and to allow for effective upload, all of the following information is required on the DNACPR:

- ✓ Patient details – Full name, address, NHS number (very important for upload)
- ✓ Signed and dated by the appropriate senior Health Care Professional
- ✓ Review date (if applicable) or indefinite.

In order to promote the highest standards of Information Governance, emailing DNACPR forms is now preferred.

Please email DNACPR forms to dnacpr.secamb@nhs.net

SECamb will continue to accept faxes for the time being however **only on our dedicated safe haven of 01622 740801**, although efforts will be made to discourage this practice and move over to electronic copies.

Palliative Care Handover forms which correspond to an already received DNACPR will be added to IBIS on the same record as the DNACPR. If a DNACPR has not been received then Palliative Care Handover forms will not be processed.

If a Palliative Care Handover form has been generated without a DNACPR we recommend that the patient's care team should seek to add the information directly to IBIS themselves so that ambulance clinicians can access vital information. If your team is not yet signed up to IBIS or would like information about the benefits of sharing clinical information with SECamb, please contact the IBIS team by emailing IBIS@secamb.nhs.uk.

Please send any queries regarding the new DNACPR process to SECamb's End of Life Care Lead Shirmilla Austin at: shirmilla.austin@secamb.nhs.uk.