

## EpicCare Inpatient Orders: Code Status

Code Statuses describe what kinds of treatment are acceptable to a patient if their breathing or heart stops. Full Code indicates all types are acceptable, Do Not Resuscitate indicates none are acceptable, and Partial Resuscitation indicates only certain treatments are acceptable. With Epic, clinicians can document patients' Code Status using orders, so they can find it quickly in case of emergency.

There are ways other than Code Status for patients to indicate their end-of-life wishes. Others include:

- Patient wishes and advance directives. Typically, patients and their physician have a conversation about their general end-of-life wishes, which is documented as an advance directive and is the basis for the patient's code status. The Advance Care Planning (ACP) Activity includes places to document a patient's capacity and health care agents, create advance care planning notes, and see Code Status information.
- Physician Orders for Life-Sustaining Treatment (POLST). This can be completed in Epic in Advanced Care Plan Activity.
- You can access the Advanced Care Plan Activity to see the ACP documents from the storyboard and additional activities.



### How it Works

Placing orders for Code Status updates the patient's Code Status history. Code Status information appears throughout the chart, including in patient storyboards, patient lists, and within reports. In most places, only active Code Statuses appear, and users can click a link to see the history of the patient's Code Status. When a patient doesn't have an active Code Status for this hospitalization, either **Prior or Assume Full** appears and their provider should place a new Code Status order with the patient's most recent wishes.

**Prior:** indicates a previously documented Code Status.

Code: Prior (no ACP docs)

**Assume Full:** indicates there is no Code Status or previous history of Code Status noted.

Code: Assume Full (no ACP docs)

You can have only one active code status in Epic.

Code Statuses are active until the patient is discharged. By default, a new Code Status order is required for admissions, ED arrivals, L&D assessments, L&D admissions, and returns from a leave of absence.

A Code Status order can be placed using an Admission Order Set or through the Orders Activity.

**ORDERS ACTIVITY:** From Orders Activity, in the side bar search for the code status, Searching Code will yield all three code options.

**Do Not Resuscitate:**

During Visit Procedures			
Name	Code	Type	
Do not resuscitate	COD1	Code Status	
Full code	COD2	Code Status	
Partial resuscitation	COD3	Code Status	

**Full Code:** Patient desires all actions of resuscitation.

Procedures				
Name	Code	Type	Phase of Care	Pref List
Full code	COD2	Code Status		IP GENERAL PATIENT CARE

**Partial Resuscitation:** Patient desires intubation but no chest compressions.

Partial resuscitation	COD3	Code St...	IP GENERAL PATIE...
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Partial resuscitation Accept Cancel

**Current Code Status**  
DNR - Set by Bjorn Vanberg at 3/31/2022 1203 [View report](#)

**Questions for Current Code Status**

Question	Answer
Restrictions	NO Intubation / NO Chest Compression

**Code Status History**

Restrictions: **Provide Intubation / NO Chest Compressions**

Process instructions: To update the patient's code status, place a code status order. Do not modify or discontinue any currently active code status...

**Do Not Intubate (DNI):** Since resuscitation is futile without intubation, DNI order cannot be placed without making the patient DNR. Therefore, if you search DNI you will be prompted to select **Do Not Resuscitate**

During Visit Procedures			
Name	Code	Type	
Do not resuscitate	COD1	Code Status	

**Do Not Resuscitate:** Patient desires no resuscitation measures.

Do not resuscitate Accept Cancel

**Current Code Status**  
DNR - Set by Bjorn Vanberg at 5/12/2022 1400 [View report](#)

**Questions for Current Code Status**

Question	Answer
Interventions	Do NOT Resuscitate / Do NOT Intubate

**Code Status History**  
This patient has a current code status but no historical code status.

**Advance Care Planning Documents**

Document Type	Status	Effective Date	Expiration Date	Received On	Description
Advance Directives and Living Will	Not Received				
Power of Attorney	Not				

Interventions: **Do NOT Resuscitate / Do NOT Intubate**

Process instructions: To update the patient's code status, place a code status order. Do not modify or discontinue any currently active code status...

**ORDER SETS:** When placing an admission order you can select the appropriate Code Status order.

Order Sets

- Orders
  - General Admission
    - General
      - Admission
        - Admit to inpatient
        - Initiate observation status
        - Initiate outpatient in a bed
      - Code Status
        - Full code
        - Do not resuscitate
        - Partial resuscitation

## Remember

You can see the Patient Code Status in the Storyboard. You can hover to discover additional details. If there is No Code Placed on the patient, there will be a BPA reminder to place a Code order.

**Charlie-IM Achilles**  
Male, 60 y.o., 10/5/1961 🎂  
MRN: 10041224  
Bed: TRN IPORD Med Surg  
Cur Location: TRN Master Patient  
Pool Room  
**Code: FULL (no ACP docs)**  
Current Programs: None  
Patient Contacts: None



<b>Version #</b>	<b>Purpose of Change</b>	<b>Author</b>	<b>Date of Change</b>
<b>1.0</b>	Initial Creation	P. John	10/6/21
<b>1.1</b>	Modified-new order	P. John & B. Vanberg	5/2/2022
<b>1.2</b>	Modified	M. Bauerlein & B. Vanberg	5/12/22