Wisconsin DNR Order Checklist

Do Not Resuscitate – Wis. Stat. § 154.19

✅ WHO QUALIFIES **(Patient requirements)**

Requirement	**✓ Confirmed**
Age 18+	☐
"Qualified patient" (1 of 3 conditions):	☐
☐ Terminal illness	☐
☐ CPR medically futile	☐
☐ CPR causes more harm than benefit	☐
Not pregnant (doctor must confirm)	☐

✅ DOCTOR REQUIREMENTS **(Mandatory steps)** **Step**	**✓ Doctor Completed**
Issues written order (only doctors can create)	☐

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✅ DOCTOR REQUIREMENTS **(Mandatory steps)Step**	**✓ Doctor Completed**
Explains CPR (what it involves, what it withholds)	☐
Explains revocation methods	☐
Documents qualifying condition in medical record	☐
Provides DNR bracelet info	☐

Note: Patients, agents, or guardians cannot create DNR orders themselves.

✅ DNR BRACELET **(EMS recognition)**

Type	**✓ Obtained**
Plastic hospital bracelet (applied by doctor)	☐
StickyJ Medical ID metal bracelet (state-approved vendor)	☐

Critical: Paper form alone does NOT work for EMS. Bracelet required.

Bracelet must say: "Do Not Resuscitate" + your name + doctor info.

✅ SIGNATURES REQUIRED **(2 signatures)**

Signer	✓ **Signed**
Patient OR guardian OR health care agent	☐
Attending health care professional (MD, PA, etc.)	☐
Same date	☐

✅ WHEN EMS MUST FOLLOW **(Statutory rules)**

Situation	**EMS Follows DNR**
Valid bracelet visible	✅ YES
Patient in cardiac/respiratory arrest	✅ YES
No knowledge of pregnancy	✅ YES

Exceptions (EMS resuscitates):	❌ NO
Bracelet removed/tampered	☐
Revocation known	☐
Patient pregnant	☐

✅ REVOCATION **(Anytime, any way)**

Method	✓ Know How
Tell EMS "Resuscitate me"	☐
Cut off bracelet	☐
Agent/guardian directs resuscitation	☐
Doctor writes new order	☐

EMS removes bracelet immediately upon revocation.

✅ DISTRIBUTION **(Bracelet + paperwork)**

Item	✓ Done
Bracelet on wrist (wear 24/7)	☐
Doctor order in medical record	☐
Family/health care agent knows	☐
Home copy accessible (not locked away)	☐

🚨 DNR vs OTHER DOCUMENTS

Document	Controls CPR?
Health care POA	❌ No
Living will	❌ Only terminal cases
DNR bracelet	✅ Cardiac arrest (anytime)

Pro tip: Get DNR + POA + living will for complete coverage.

📋 ACTION STEPS

1. Ask doctor if you qualify (terminal, futile, harm > benefit)
2. Discuss CPR realities (broken ribs, brain damage stats)
3. Get bracelet (StickyJ or hospital plastic)
4. Wear 24/7 (shower, sleep, travel)
5. Tell family/agent – they may need to revoke

Bottom line: DNR = immediate EMS instruction. Bracelet = only reliable signal.

.*Only for cardiac/respiratory arrest. Other treatments continue.*