

History

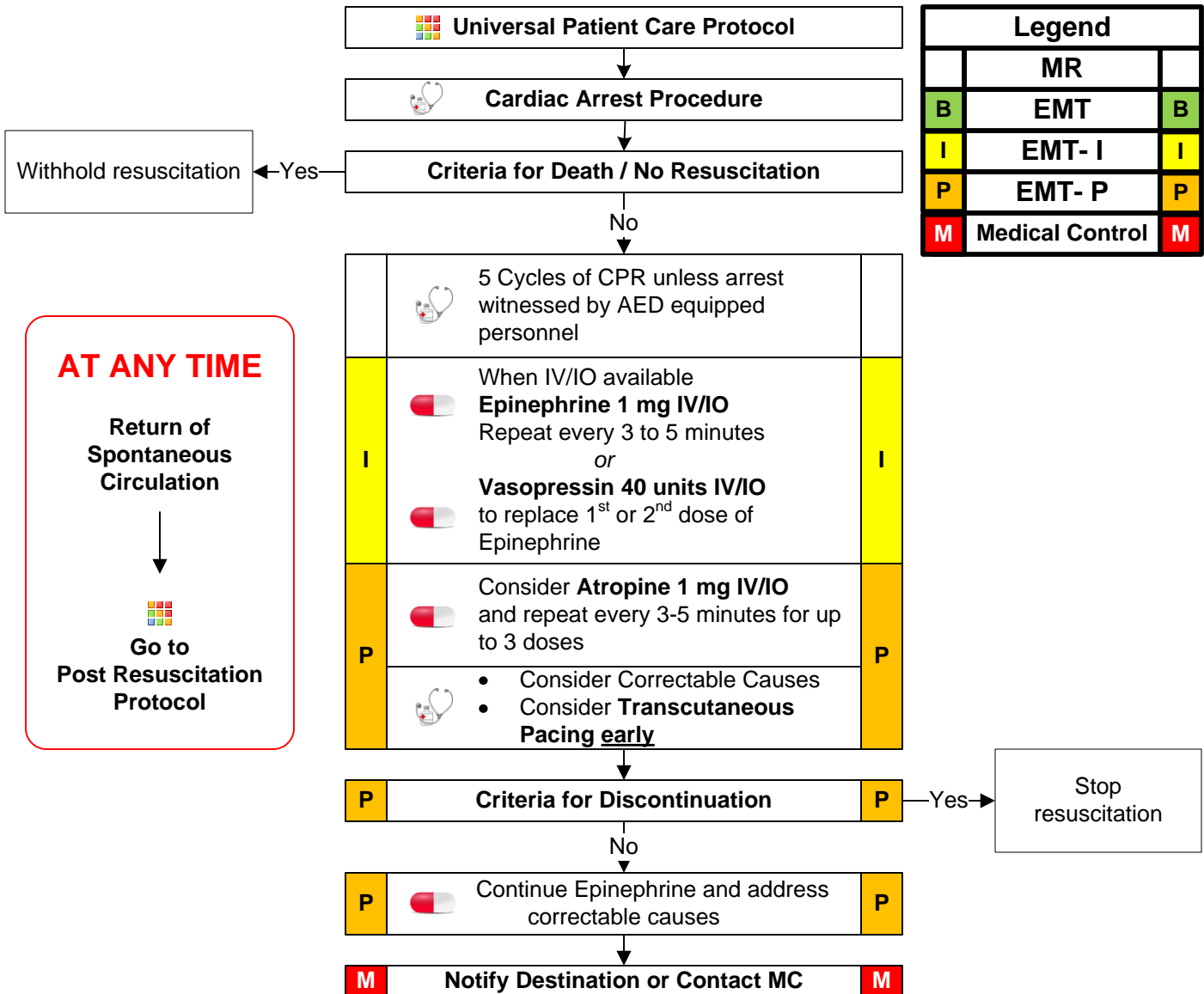
- Past medical history
- Medications
- Events leading to arrest
- End stage renal disease
- Estimated downtime
- Suspected hypothermia
- Suspected overdose
- DNR or MOST form

Signs and Symptoms

- Pulseless
- Apneic
- No electrical activity on ECG
- No auscultated heart tones

Differential

- Medical or Trauma
- Hypoxia
- Potassium (hypo / hyper)
- Drug overdose
- Acidosis
- Hypothermia
- Device (lead) error
- Death



Legend		
	MR	
B	EMT	B
I	EMT- I	I
P	EMT- P	P
M	Medical Control	M

Pearls

- **Recommended Exam: Mental Status**
- Always confirm asystole in more than one lead.
- Successful resuscitation of Asystole requires the identification and correction of a cause. Causes of Asystole include:
 - Acidosis
 - Hypovolemia
 - Hypokalemia
 - Overdose (Narcotics, Tricyclic Antidepressants, Calcium Channel Blockers, Beta Blockers)
 - Tension Pneumothorax
 - Hypoglycemia