



Cardiac Arrest



History:

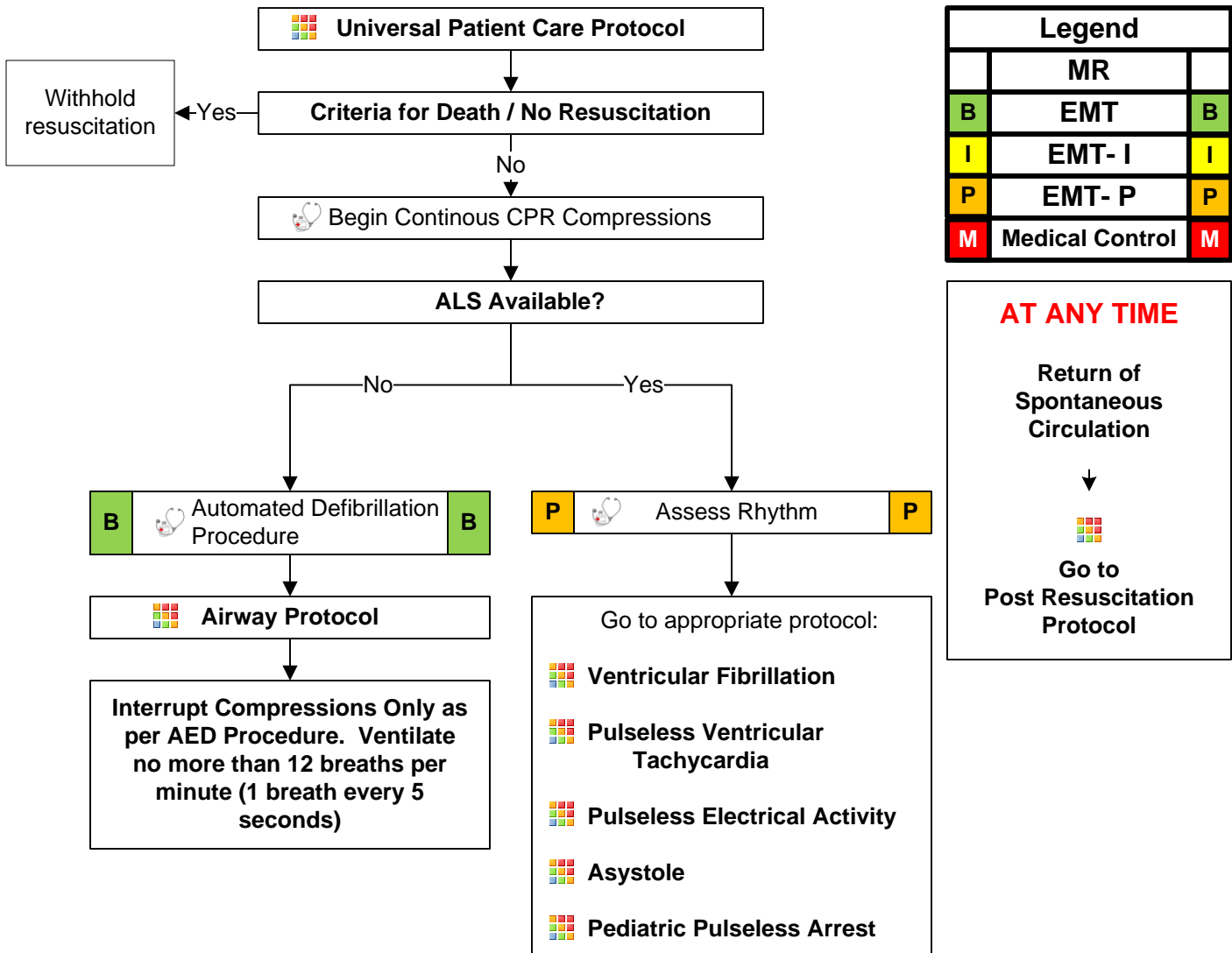
- Events leading to arrest
- Estimated downtime
- Past medical history
- Medications
- Existence of terminal illness
- Signs of lividity, rigor mortis
- DNR, MOST, or Living Will

Signs and Symptoms:

- Unresponsive
- Apneic
- Pulseless

Differential:

- Medical vs Trauma
- V. fib vs Pulseless V. tach
- Asystole
- Pulseless electrical activity (PEA)



Medical Protocols

Pearls

- **Recommended Exam: Mental Status**
- Success is based on proper planning and execution. Procedures require space and patient access. Make room to work.
- Reassess airway frequently and with every patient move.
- **Maternal Arrest** - Treat mother per appropriate protocol with immediate notification to Medical Control and rapid transport.
- **Adequate compressions with timely defibrillation are the keys to success**