Basic Life Support/Universal Termination of Resuscitation Rules

Text in cascading boxes describes the actions that a rescuer should perform in sequence to determine whether or not to terminate resuscitation. Arrows guide the rescuers from one box to the next as they perform the actions.

Box 1

Arrest not witnessed by emergency medical services personnel.

No return of spontaneous circulation (before transport).

No AED shock was delivered (before transport).

If all are present, proceed to Box 2.

If any are missing, proceed to **Box 3**.

Box 2

If *all* criteria are present, consider termination of resuscitation.

Box 3

If any criteria are not present, continue resuscitation and consider transport.