

# Sticking Points:



COMMON CONCERNS SEEN BY EMSQA

**TOR: If you think you need to call, you're doing it wrong.**

**The authority to terminate a resuscitation lies solely with the on-scene clinician, as outlined in the Termination of Resuscitation (TOR) protocols.**

**To terminate a resuscitation, the patient must meet the TOR criteria in the protocol.**

**If they do not meet the criteria, a physician cannot authorize a TOR.**

**Contacting the hospital for "TOR Orders" indicates you are deviating from the TOR protocols outlined in the MMP**

**DO NOT CONFUSE TOR with a verbal DNR when paperwork is not immediately available, but you have substantial evidence to believe that a patient or legal decision-maker did not desire to be resuscitated (ex: Hospice)**