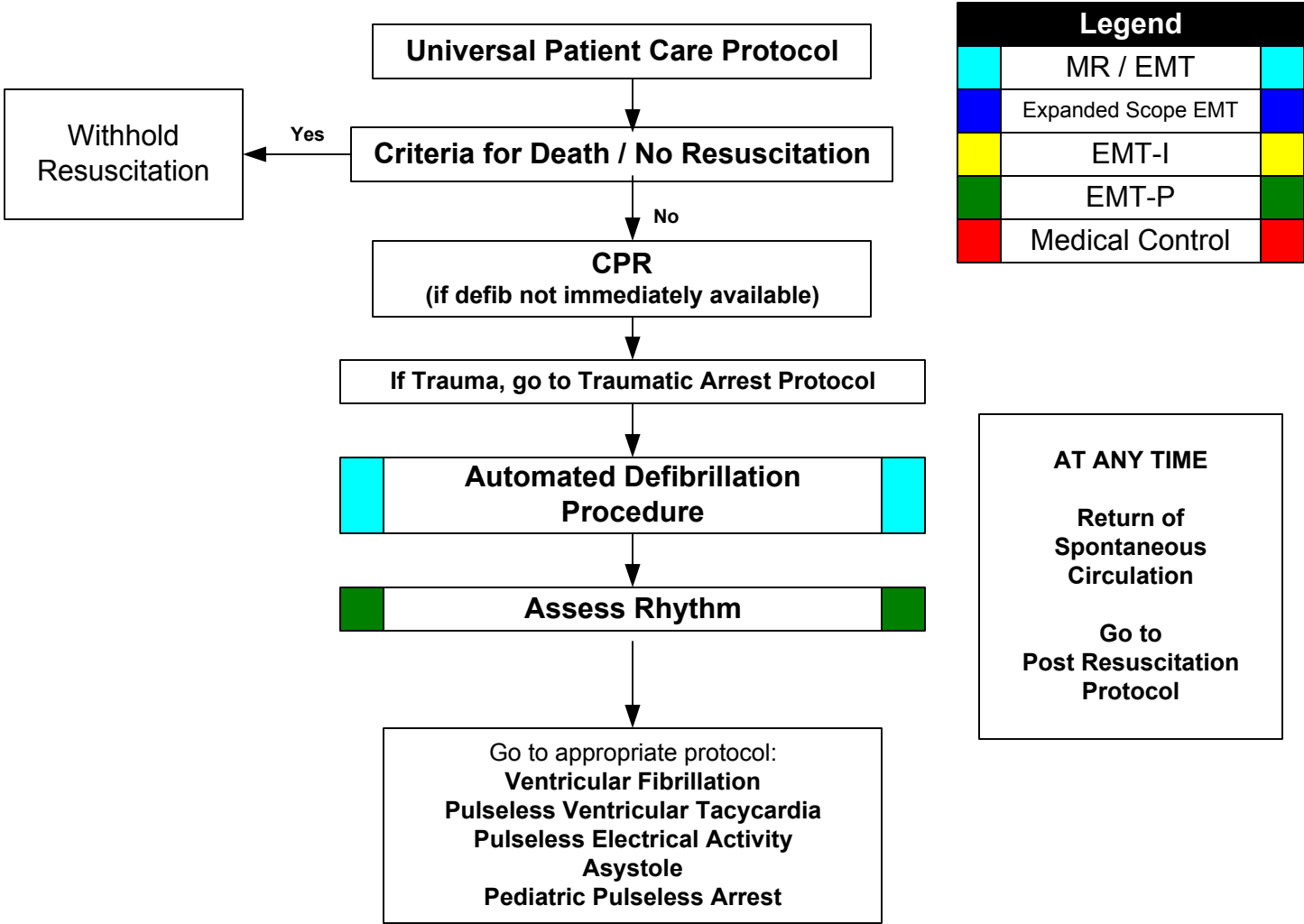


FORSYTH COUNTY EMS MEDICAL PROTOCOLS

Cardiac Arrest

History: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Events leading to arrest * Estimated downtime * Past medical history * Medications * Existence of terminal illness * Signs of lividity, rigor mortis * DNR or Living Will 	Signs and Symptoms: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Unresponsive * Apneic * Pulseless 	Differential: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Medical vs Trauma * V. Fib vs Pulseless V. Tach * Asystole * Pulseless Electrical Activity (PEA)
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Pearls: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Exam: Mental Status * Success is based on proper planning and execution. Procedures require space and patient access. Make room to work. * If witnessed arrest - administer precordial thump. * Reassess airway frequently and with every patient move. * Maternal Arrest - Treat mother per appropriate protocol with immediate notification to Medical Control and rapid transport.
