

Based on the Report of the Quality Standards Subcommittee of the American Academy of Neurology, neurological recovery cannot be predicted in the first 72 hours following hypothermic resuscitation. Therefore, cardiopulmonary support should be maintained until adequate assessment of the patient's neurological prognosis. Therefore, Do Not Resuscitate status should not be established and care should not be withdrawn based on neurologic prognosis before a minimum of 3-5 days after rewarming (when patient has reached normothermia).

Therefore we recommend:

“Withdrawal of life support after cardiac arrest no earlier than 72 hours after rewarming if targeted temperature management initiated.”