

The "Dr. Dan" Note

Date & time note is written

Patient's ID

 Name, MR #, unit & bed #

Date & time code started

Date & time the code ended

Brief patient's medical history

 Pre-code findings or acute clinical changes

 Abnormal laboratory data

Physical findings at code initiation

 Unresponsiveness, pulse palpable, blood pressure

 Spontaneous breathing, response to painful stimuli

Rhythm when code started

 Asystole, PEA, VF/VT etc.

 (staple a printed strip)

Indicate the ACLS algorithms used

 Asystole, PEA, VF/VT etc.

Medications given

 IV fluids, bicarbonates, epinephrine, atropine

Document any rhythm changes

Document changes in the ACLS algorithm

 Staple the final rhythm strip

Duration of code

Outcome of the code

Physical findings at the end of the code

 (Absence of pulse, reflexes including pupillary)

Attending notification

Family member's notification

Autopsy request

Medical examiner notification, if applicable