**Appendix 1:** BC Ambulance Service Policy. *Resuscitation of Critically Ill Patients*. 2010. 13

BCAS policy indicates that all patients must be provided resuscitative treatments for cardiac arrest except in the following circumstances:

“(1) “Obvious Death” defined as rigor mortis, decapitation, post-mortem levity, tissue decomposition, thoracic or abdominal transection, incineration of the torso or head, or complete destruction or removal of vital organ;

(2) The patient has been unresponsive and without respirations and no CPR performed for > 15 minutes (excluding those with hypothermia);

(3) There is a “No CPR” order in effect; or,

(4) Underwater submersion for > 60 minutes.”