

*Michigan*  
**SPECIAL OPERATIONS**  
SPECIAL PATHOGEN RESPONSE NETWORK (SPRN)  
DEATH DURING TRANSPORT  
(MCA Optional Protocol)

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## ***Death During Transport***

### **Purpose**

To provide guidance for special pathogen crews when a patient suffers cardiac arrest during transport to a special pathogen treatment facility.

- I. This protocol is only for use by trained crews during the transport of a patient being handled for treatment of a special pathogen.
- II. If a patient experiences cardiac arrest during transport,
  - a. No interventions will be performed
  - b. Immediately discontinue transport
  - c. Contact Community Health Emergency Coordination Center for destination determination
    - i. Crematorium
    - ii. ME needed?
    - iii. Receiving or sending hospital
    - iv. What about when it's a county in between sending & receiving
- III. MDHHS SPRN subject matter expert will provide technical assistance in the event of a patient death using Bio Seal and body bags to complete safe and respectful handling of the decedent.
- IV. The Community Health Coordination Center (CHECC) has identified a list of crematoriums to receive the body.