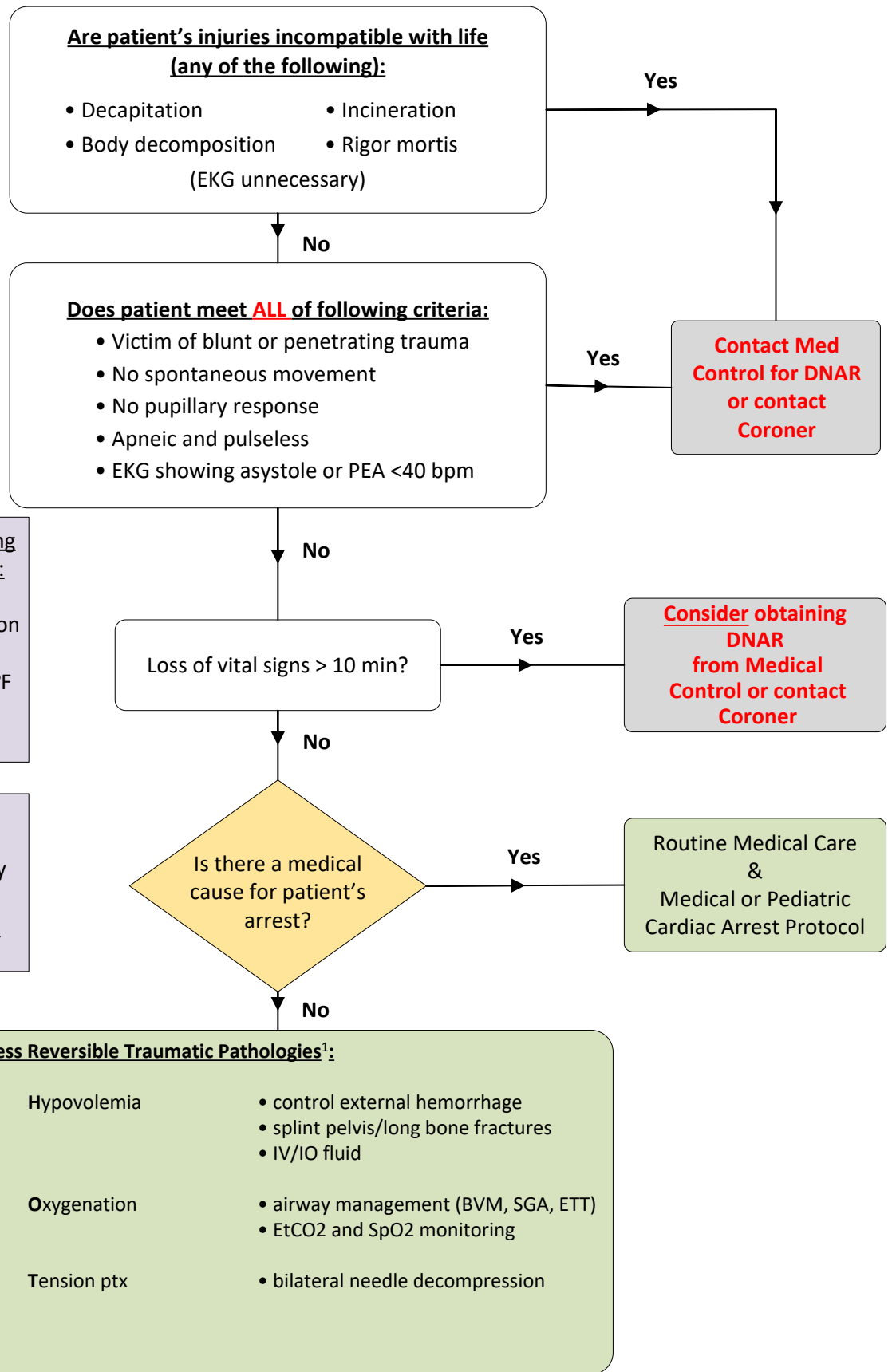


# Traumatic Cardiac Arrest (TCA) | Withholding of Resuscitation



Consider transport of the following even if all DNAR criteria are met:

- Pregnancy > 20 weeks gestation
- Lightning strike/electric shock
- Associated hypothermia < 86°F
- Concern for scene safety/support

Once resuscitation is initiated, patient should be immediately transported to the closest facility

resuscitative efforts should not prolong scene time for TCA

## **Needle Decompression:**

### Primary site:

4<sup>th</sup> or 5<sup>th</sup> intercostal space of the anterior axillary line

Secondary site: 2<sup>nd</sup> or 3<sup>rd</sup> intercostal space of the midclavicular line

Consider using Thorasite and Capnospot device

<sup>1</sup>Chest compressions should ideally be performed simultaneously while addressing reversible pathologies; however, if necessary they may be delayed or paused during HOT treatment(s)