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## **QUESTION OF THE MONTH**

The *Policy Perspectives* article in this issue examines the role of residents in discussing and entering Do Not Resuscitate (DNR) orders. Although current VHA policy requires attending physicians to personally participate in this process, there are times when an attending physician may be unavailable. Should residents be allowed to discuss and enter DNR orders without attending supervision? Or should attendings always be involved in this life-or-death decision?

**Should residents be allowed to discuss and enter DNR orders without involving an attending physician?**

YES  NO