

PATIENT REFUSAL STANDING ORDER

Initiate assessment as indicated:

- BP, Pulse, Respiratory rate/effort
- Finger stick blood glucose if indicated

INCLUSION

A patient who agrees to have a medical evaluation and wishes to refuse treatment or transport
 Adult (age > 17 or emancipated minor), Adult with legal health care representative,
 Minor with consent from guardian

Patients wanting to refuse care or transportation must meet **ALL of the following criteria:**

- Alert and oriented to person, place and event
- Oriented to date and time OR at their baseline mental status per witness on scene
- Does not demonstrate or verbalize a danger to self or others
- No evidence of acute neurologic insult or injury
- No evident impairment from hemodynamic instability (hypoxia, hypotension, hypertension)
- No symptomatic hypoglycemia
- GCS greater than 13
- Does not appear impaired by drugs, alcohol or mental illness (passes cognitive screening tool*)

***Cognitive Screening Tool:** (Pass with a score of 5 or 6)

I'm going to ask you some questions and ask that you remember three words. Please repeat them out loud, remember them and I will ask you to repeat in a few minutes: APPLE, TABLE, PENNY

What year is this?	+1
What month is this?	+1
What day of the week is this?	+1
What were the three words?	Apple +1
	Table +1
	Penny +1

Patient does **NOT** meet **ALL** criteria
 or if questions about refusal

Patient meets **ALL** criteria

Contact medical direction authority

Patient may refuse medical care. Ensure that patient verbalizes an understanding of the nature of the problem, the potential consequences of non-transport, and formulates a plan for future needs.

Special Notes: Document per agency standard operating procedure. Recommended documentation:

- Patient has decision making capacity
- Treatment and/or transportation offered to the patient and patient declined/reason for declining
- Risks explained to the patient, who understands these risks of refusing treatment (including possible permanent disability or even **death** if not evaluated by a physician).
- Standing order for refusal used or name of base station physician authorizing refusal