

SAEMS PREHOSPITAL PROTOCOLS

Healthcare Provider on Scene

I. General

- A. EMS procedures are, by statute, to be performed by EMS personnel only under the direction of a Medical Direction Authority qualified under Arizona Department of Health Services statute.
- B. Online Medical Direction REQUIRED A Paramedic may follow the orders of an On-scene physician after contacting medical direction and obtaining an order to follow direction. The Paramedic may wish to have the on-scene physician communicate directly with medical control to optimize patient care.
 - 1. The Paramedic may not follow any requests that are outside the scope of practice of a paramedic in the state of Arizona.
 - 2. The Paramedic should clearly document the name and license number of the physician along with obtaining their signature on the patient care record.
 - 3. EMS personnel may accept orders from an on-scene healthcare provider if they are responding as part of a physician emergency response program, authorized to direct on-scene care by the EMS authority having jurisdiction and the agency's administrative medical director. If a controversy arises with an on-scene healthcare provider, place the individual in contact with the on-line Medical Direction Authority.
- C. A physician physically present on scene who offers to assist in the patient's care may be allowed to do so if the following conditions are met:
 - 1. The physician identifies himself or herself to the EMS provider in charge of patient care and is a currently licensed physician in Arizona.
 - 2. The physician agrees to accompany the patient to the hospital and to provide patient care until patient care is appropriately transferred to the hospital medical staff.
 - il An on scene medical control physician responding as part of an authorized physician field response program does not have to accompany the patient to the hospital unless they perform interventions outside the EMS Scope of Practice of the highest licensed EMS provider on scene.
 - 3. The physician agrees to sign the EMS run report in the "Medical Control" section.
- D. EMS personnel may utilize a "Healthcare Provider on Scene" card to assist in communicating the healthcare provider's on scene responsibilities (see example below).

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Please be advised that these EMS personnel are operating under a Medical Direction Authority in accordance with Arizona Law. If you are a healthcare provider and wish to assume responsibility for this patient's care then please arrange transfer of this responsibility from the Medical Direction Authority by direct communication. You will be expected to accompany the patient to the hospital and sign the prehospital patient care report.

