

SAEMS PRE---HOSPITAL PROTOCOLS

NON-PATIENT OR NON-INJURED INDIVIDUAL

I. PURPOSE

To establish guidelines for identification and documentation of non-patients or non-injured persons.

II. PROTOCOL

Persons meeting the following criteria may be designated non-injured and/or non-patients and documented as such:

- A. Age \geq 18 unless OR legally emancipated, OR accompanied by unimpaired parent or legal guardian
- B. No complaint: denies pain, illness, or injury
- C. No concern from others: No bystanders, family, law enforcement of EMS personnel express concern for possible illness or injury
- D. Normal cognition: No evidence of cognitive impairment, intoxication, altered mental status, or psychiatric emergency.
- E. Mental status: Alert and oriented x 4 (person, place, time, and event
- F. Physical appearance: no visible or suspected injury, no obvious distress, and no abnormal findings on general impression

If there is any doubt, the individual must be treated and documented as a patient.

III. Documentation will comply with agency-specific procedures for a non- EMS encounter.

- A. Persons not meeting above criteria will be considered patients for purposes of treatment and documentation.

IV. Special Considerations

- A. Significantly intoxicated or impaired individuals: Always considered patients.
- B. Potential mechanism of injury (e.g. fall, assault): Individuals must be considered patients if mechanism of injury could have resulted in possible injury.