

HEALTHCARE PROFESSIONAL ON SCENE

PURPOSE

To outline the procedures to be followed when encountering other licensed healthcare professionals (e.g., physicians) on the scene of an EMS event; a medical facility or doctor's office.

PROCEDURES

- Personnel should seek to obtain a 'transfer of care' report from licensed healthcare providers rendering care at the scene of any EMS event. It is preferable this report come from an individual licensed as an RN, NP, PA, MD, or DO.
- EMS personnel should make every attempt to honor treatment/care wishes of licensed providers who are actively caring for an established patient within his/her practice. However, any care/treatments must remain within the scope of the EMS providers.
 - If no special requests regarding the patient's care are made, then the clinical guidelines established should be followed.
- If the licensed healthcare provider makes a request for patient treatment(s) outside the scope and course of these guidelines, (including withholding patient treatment), OLMC will be contacted for direction. EMS providers should make every effort to explain to the attending provider what treatments are available from EMS as they may not be familiar with these guidelines.
- In the event EMS providers encounter a licensed health care provider rendering care on the scene of an EMS event (acting as a Good Samaritan), EMS personnel should ensure a smooth transition of care as noted above. However, if the provider is an Oregon licensed physician and wishes to direct and maintain patient care, EMS providers should:
 - Make a reasonable effort to verify the individual is an Oregon licensed physician.
 - Inform the treating physician they may continue to direct patient care so long as they are willing to accompany the patient in the ambulance to the receiving facility. This should be re-enforced by providing the Physician on Scene card illustrated below.
 - Any conflicts arising between EMS providers and the physician on scene should immediately prompt contact with OLMC.
 - If the Physician agrees to accompany the patient:
 - EMS providers may assist the attending physician so long as personnel remain within the scope of their license level and within the general course of these clinical guidelines.
 - EMS personnel should make every effort to inform the physician on scene that patients are treated under clear clinical standing orders/guidelines approved by the agency's EMS Supervising Physician

DOCUMENTATION:

- In all situations, incident documentation to include a PHCR should be completed in accordance with documentation guidelines. The Name of the Physician on scene must be included in the documentation to allow for appropriate follow-up.

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The following Physician On-Scene Cards should be printed on brightly colored cardstock.

Linn-Benton Emergency Medical Services Physician On-Scene Card

As the Supervising Physician of the EMS providers on scene, I would like to thank you for your offer of assistance. It is important to understand that these EMS providers are operating under the authority of Oregon State law and a set of standing clinical guidelines approved by me. No physician or other person may intercede in patient care without the On-Line Medical Control physician relinquishing responsibility via radio or telephone.

If responsibility is given to you (a physician at the scene), you are now responsible for any and all care given at the scene and en-route to the hospital, and must remain with the patient until care is assumed by the ED physician in the emergency department of the receiving facility.

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