



PHYSICIAN AT SCENE




I. AUTHORITY:


Endorsed by California Emergency Medical Services Authority, California Conference of Local Health Officers, California Medical Association, Board Medical of Quality Assurance and Orange County Emergency Medical Services.

II. APPLICATION:

This policy identifies the process for physician/emergency medical technician - paramedic coordination for patient care at the scene of injury/illness.

III. CRITERIA:



STATE OF CALIFORNIA 
CALIFORNIA MEDICAL ASSOCIATION

NOTE TO PHYSICIAN ON INVOLVEMENT WITH EMT-Is and EMT-Ps (PARAMEDIC)
 A life support team [EMT-II or EMT-P (Paramedic)] operates under standard policies and procedures developed by the local EMS agency and approved by their Medical Director under the Authority of Division 2.5 of the California Health and Safety Code. The drugs they carry and procedures they can do are restricted by law and local policy.
 If you want to assist, this can only be done through one of the alternatives listed on the back of this card. These alternatives have been endorsed by CMA, State EMS Authority, CCLHO, and BMQA.
 Assistance rendered in the endorsed fashion, without compensation, is covered by the protection of the "Good Samaritan Code" (see Business and Professions Code, Sections 2144, 2395-2398 and Health and Safety Code, Section 1799.104).

ENDORSED ALTERNATIVES FOR PHYSICIAN INVOLVEMENT
 After identifying yourself by name as a physician licensed in the State of California, and, if requested, showing proof of identity, you may choose to do one of the following:

1. Offer your assistance with another pair of eyes, hands, or suggestions, but let the life support team remain under base hospital control; or,
2. Request to talk to the base station physician and directly offer your medical advice and assistance; or,
3. Take total responsibility for the care given by the life support team and physically accompany the patient until the patient arrives at a hospital and responsibility is assumed by the receiving physician. In addition, you must sign for all instructions given in accordance with local policy and procedure. (Whenever possible, remain in contact with the base station physician.)

Provided by the Emergency Medical Services Authority

Approved:

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