



# North Region EMS System

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## Patient Care

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Title

Physician/Nurse on Scene

### Purpose

To optimize patient care and provide guidelines for interacting with a physician/nurse on-scene who requests to participate in patient care.

### Policy

- 1) When a patient's personal physician is physically present on-scene, EMS personnel should respect the established doctor/patient relationship.
- 2) EMS personnel at the scene of an emergency may allow a physician/nurse to assist with patient care, after the licensed professional has identified themselves and volunteered to assist with patient care. EMS personnel may request identification and/or proof of licensure.
- 3) EMS personnel may inform physician/nurse they will need to accompany the patient in ambulance to the hospital.
- 4) If there is disagreement between EMS personnel and on-scene physician/nurse, contact OLMC Resource Hospital as soon as possible. On-scene physician/nurse may be asked to communicate directly with OLMC physician.
- 5) If on-scene physician/nurse requests/orders treatment that EMS personnel feel is not appropriate or not within EMS personnel scope of practice, refuse to follow such orders and immediately contact OLMC.
- 6) Document identifying information (name, license #) and any orders or treatment given by on-scene physician/nurse on patient care report.

### References

<https://www.acep.org/Clinical---Practice-Management/Out-of-Hospital-Medical-Direction-and-the-Intervener-Physician/#sm.000mn3kdc1e1td7210s6xknhvcjur>

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