APPENDIX B-PHYSICIAN ON SCENE

The direction of out-of-hospital care at the scene of a medical emergency should be the responsibility of the individual in attendance who is most appropriately trained and knowledgeable in providing out-of-hospital emergency stabilization and transport. The EMS Provider is responsible for management of the patient and acts as an agent of EMS Medical Director unless the patient’s physician is present and the personal physician wishes to direct the on-scene care.

- **Private physician:**
  - A private physician is a physician who provides evidence of medical licensure in Kansas, has established a physician/patient relationship prior to this event, wishes to take charge of a medical emergency and is willing to accompany the patient to the hospital.

- **Intervener physician:**
  - An intervener physician is a physician who provides evidence of medical licensure in Kansas, has not established a physician/patient relationship prior to this event, wishes to take charge of a medical emergency and is willing to accompany the patient to the hospital.

**Key Considerations:**

- If the **Private physician** is present and wishes to assume responsibility for the patient’s care:
  - The EMS Provider should defer to the orders of the private physician. Direct Medical Oversight should be contacted.
  - EMS Providers retain the right to re-establish medical direction with the Direct Medical Oversight if they believe that the emergency care rendered by the private physician is inconsistent with quality patient care and/or violates Johnson County EMS protocol. Johnson County EMS Providers shall not comply with orders that exceed their scope of practice.
  - Revert back to Direct Medical Oversight at any time when the private physician is no longer in attendance.
  - The Private Physician must sign the patient care report.

- If an **Intervener physician** is present and wishes to assume responsibility for the patient’s care:
  - Verify that the individual is a physician (MD or DO) licensed in Kansas.
  - Provide the Intervener physician with the Physician Information Card.
  - The Intervener physician must agree to abide by the terms of the card.
  - If he/she does not agree with the items on the card, then the Intervener physician cannot assume role of Direct Medical Oversight.
  - If the Intervener physician still wishes to assume Direct Medical Oversight, immediately contact Johnson County EMS System approved Direct Medical Oversight for guidance.
  - It is Johnson County EMS system approved Direct Medical Oversight’s decision to relinquish or retain medical direction.
o The paramedic shall not accept orders from the Intervener physician on the scene unless the orders are in accordance with the current protocols or Direct Medical Oversight specifically advises that the EMS Provider should follow those orders.

o The Intervener physician must accompany the patient to the hospital.

o The Intervener physician must sign the patient care report.