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- **Description:**
  - This policy describes the procedures to be followed when a physician is present on the scene of a call. 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 out-of-hospital provider is responsible for management of the patient and acts as an agent of medical direction unless the patient’s physician is present (as would occur in a physician’s office) and the personal physician wishes to direct the on-scene care.

- **Responsibilities:**
  - All EMS Providers will be familiar with this policy.

- **Definitions:**
  - **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.

- **Procedure:**
  - **If the private physician is present and wishes to assume responsibility for the patient’s care:**
    - The out-of-hospital provider should defer to the orders of the private physician. On-line medical direction should be contacted.
    - EMS personnel retain the right to re-establish medical direction with the online Medical Control 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 personnel shall not comply with orders that exceed their scope of practice.
    - Revert back to Medical Control at any time when the private physician is no longer in attendance.
  - **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 Medical Control.
    - If the intervener physician still wishes to assume Medical Control, immediately contact Medical Control.
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- It is Medical Control's decision to relinquish or retain medical direction.
- The paramedic shall not accept orders from the intervener physician on the scene unless the orders are in accordance with the current prehospital medical protocol or Medical Control physician specifically advises that the paramedic should follow those orders.
- The intervener physician must accompany the patient to the hospital.
- The intervener physician must sign the patient report form.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR OFFER OF ASSISTANCE. This Emergency Medical Services team is operating under Kansas law and policy established jointly by the Johnson County Medical Society and the Johnson County EMS Medical Director. The EMS team is functioning under the command of the base hospital physician.

If you wish to assist as a physician, you must agree to all of the terms on the opposite side of this card.

By releasing care to the EMS team, you are NOT abandoning the patient.

To serve as an on-scene medical control physician, you must agree to all of the following:

- Provide evidence that you are a licensed MD or DO in Kansas;
- Speak with the base hospital physician to request assuming responsibility for this patient;
- Have the skills and knowledge to manage an emergency patient;
- Be willing to escort the patient to the hospital in the ambulance; and
- Sign the Patient Care Report after patient care is complete.

If you cannot fulfill all of these requirements, please allow the EMS providers to treat this patient without interference.