Purpose

To guide the WDM EMS provider in navigating a scene in which a physician on scene offers assistance to patient.

Procedure

1. Provide the Physician on Scene Postcard to the Physician; it reads as follows.
   “Dear Physician,
   Your offer of assistance is appreciated. However, this EMS service, under law and in accordance with nationally recognized standards of care in Emergency Medicine, operates under the direct authority of a Physician Medical Director. Our Medical Director and his or her physician designees have already established a physician-patient relationship with this patient. To ensure the best possible patient care, and to prevent on your part inadvertent patient abandonment or interference with an established physician-patient relationship, please comply with our established protocols.”

   Please review the following if you wish to assume responsibility for this patient:
   1. You must be recognized or identify yourself as a qualified physician.
   2. You must be able to provide proof of licensure and identify your specialty.
   3. If requested, you must speak directly with the on-line medical control physician to verify transfer of responsibility for the patient from that physician to you.
   4. EMS personnel, in accordance with State law, can only follow orders that are consistent with the approved protocols.
   5. You must accompany this patient to the hospital, unless the on-line medical control physician agrees to re-assume responsibility for this patient prior to transport.

2. If unsure, call EMS Supervisor for further directions.