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Physician on Scene and
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Physician on Scene:

NON-REGIONALLY AUTHORIZED ON-SCENE MEDICAL CONTROL:

1. A patient's personal physician may assume medical control responsibility for his or her patient if he or she desires. In such circumstances, do the following:
 - a. Give the clinician the card or refer to the "Resource: Physician on Scene Card" describing the function of the regional medical control system to the clinician.
 - b. If the clinician still desires that the patient be transported without ALS, he or she should order, "NO ALS, TRANSPORT ONLY," on the patient care report and sign this order.
 - c. Notify the destination hospital of the case after initiating transport.
 - d. If the patient's condition deteriorates during transport, contact medical control to discuss whether or not ALS protocols should be started.
 - e. If the patient's physician accompanies the patient in the ambulance, he or she will be responsible for this decision.
2. Bystander clinicians may not circumvent standard operating procedures or assume medical control without approval from the resource hospital physician (the resource hospital physician must be contacted and give approval before a bystander physician is authorized to assume medical control responsibility).
3. Physicians only: physician assistants, nurse practitioners, etc. are excluded.

REGIONALLY AUTHORIZED ON-SCENE MEDICAL CONTROL:

1. Physicians authorized by the Regional Medical Director to specifically provide on-scene medical control may supersede the restrictions outlined above.
2. Physician authorization to provide on-scene medical control is valid only in the region granting that authority and must be outlined in regional policy.

Addendum: Text of Card

PHYSICIAN ON SCENE CARD:

Thank you for your offer of assistance. Please be advised that we are working under medical control from EMS physicians and medical control at a hospital. We are not permitted to relinquish medical control to a clinician on the scene without approval from medical control at the resource hospital. Should you wish to assume medical control, you may request to speak with the resource hospital. If you are authorized to provide medical control, you must sign the patient's prehospital care report and accompany the patient to the hospital.

If you have any questions regarding this policy, please contact the appropriate Regional Emergency Medical Services Council. Contact information is available at www.health.ny.gov/professionals/ems/regional.htm

NYSDOH BEMS PS98-05
Public Health Law, Article 30 §3004-A
10NYCRR-800, State EMS Code