



**North Country
Regional Emergency Medical Advisory
Committee**

Policy Statement

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Re: Physician on Scene

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PURPOSE

Guidance for physician on scene

BACKGROUND

Policy statement replaces previous special protocol with the adoption of the NYS Collaborative protocols

- A patient's personal physician may assume medical control responsibility for his/her patient if he/she desires. In such circumstances, do the following:
 - Give the physician the card describing the function of the Regional Medical Control System.
 - If the physician still desires that the patient be transported without ALS, he should order "**NO ALS, TRANSPORT ONLY**" on the Patient Care Report and sign this order.
 - Notify the destination hospital of the case after you are enroute
 - If the patient's condition deteriorates enroute, contact the Emergency Department physician who will decide if ALS protocols should be started.
 - If the patient's physician accompanies the patient in the ambulance, he/she will be responsible for this decision.
 - Bystander physicians may not circumvent standard operating procedures or assume Medical Control without approval from the Resource Hospital physician.
- **Physicians Only:** Physician Assistants, Nurse Practitioners, etc. are excluded.

Sample Physician on Scene Card

Thank you for your offer of assistance. Please be advised that we are working under Medical Control from physicians at a hospital. We are not permitted to relinquish Medical Control to a physician on the scene without approval from the physician at the Medical Control Hospital.

Should you wish to assume Medical Control, you may request to speak with the Medical Control Hospital Physician. 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 Physician-On-Scene Policy, please contact the North Country EMS Program Agency at: (315) 755- 2020 ext. 56 or after hours at (315) 454-2606

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