



<b>REGION 11 CHICAGO EMS SYSTEM POLICY</b>	Title: Interaction with an Independent Physician / Nurse on Scene
	Section: Patient Care
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## **INTERACTION WITH AN INDEPENDENT PHYSICIAN / NURSE ON SCENE**

### **I. PURPOSE**

To clearly delineate the roles of all personnel at a scene to provide the highest quality of patient care.

### **II. POLICY**

- A. Only personnel licensed to perform in the prehospital setting, and who are members of Region 11 Chicago EMS, are allowed to perform patient care unless approved by Online Medical Control.
- B. EMS personnel who are confronted by individuals wanting to render assistance at the scene of the emergency should follow these guidelines:
  - 1. If assistance is needed, the senior EMS officer should contact Online Medical Control and advise that there are on scene healthcare providers (physician or nurse) from outside of Region 11 Chicago EMS.
  - 2. Non-system personnel will function under the senior EMS personnel at their level of licensure.
  - 3. When EMS personnel establish patient contact, they also establish a "healthcare provider/patient relationship" between the patient and the EMS Medical Director or Base Station ECP as a designee.

In cases where the patient's personal physician is physically present, EMS personnel should respect the previously established healthcare provider/patient relationship.

- 4. If there is a disagreement between the EMS personnel and the physician on the scene regarding the care to be given to the patient, Online Medical Control should be consulted.
- 5. EMS personnel shall follow the direction of the Base Station ECP.