

ON-SCENE HEALTHCARE PROVIDER

- A. Sometimes, a healthcare provider (i.e., EMT, nurse, physician) on scene may offer to assist with patient care. Once the responding EMS unit has assumed patient care, that patient becomes the responsibility of the responding EMS unit. It is up to the discretion of the EMT-in-charge whether or not the offer is accepted.
- B. Ideally, if no further assistance is needed, the offer should be politely declined.
- C. If the EMT-in-charge feels that assistance would be beneficial to the patient, one of the following must apply:
 1. A healthcare provider (HCP) that is **NOT** known to the responding EMS agency
 - a. Attempt to verify valid certification / licensure
 - b. When possible, gather name and certification / licensure information to document on the patient care report
 - c. These individuals may only assist with BLS skills (i.e., CPR, immobilization, etc.) and may NOT assist with ALS skills (i.e., medication administration, advanced airway management, etc.)
 - d. It is the responsibility of all EMTs to assure that the BLS skills are being performed correctly and consistent with current standards. If sub-standard care is being delivered the EMT must tell the on-scene HCP to cease assistance.
 2. EMTs that are known to the responding EMS agency **AND** function under the same protocol
 - a. These EMTs are allowed to function at their certification level, at the discretion of the EMT-in-charge
 3. An on-scene physician that wishes to provide more than BLS skills – the following criteria must be met:
 - a. The individual must have proof that he/she is a physician. They should be able to show you their medical license. Notation of the physician name and license number must be documented on the patient care report
 - b. The Medical Control physician **MUST** be informed and give approval
 - c. The on-scene physician must be willing to assume responsibility for the patient until relieved by another physician, usually at the emergency department.
 - d. The EMTs will not perform any procedure or institute any treatment that would vary from protocol or on-line medical direction.