

Methodist Health Services Corporation UnityPoint Health- Proctor	Page # 1 of 2	Section:	Policy #: 20
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	Joint Commission Standard:		
SUBJECT: PHYSICIAN (or Other Medical Professional) On-scene			

I. POLICY:

Only personnel licensed to perform care in the prehospital setting and certified in the UnityPoint Health EMS System are allowed to provide advanced patient care (*e.g.* intubation, IV access, medication administration, pacing, etc.) at the scene unless approved by Medical Control.

II. PURPOSE AND STANDARD:

III. POLICY SCOPE: Departmental

IV. GENERAL INFORMATION:

- A. An on-scene physician (or other medical professional) does **not** automatically supersede the EMS provider’s authority. Patient care shall not be relinquished to another person or provider unless approved by the EMS Medical Director or Medical Control.
1. If a professed, duly licensed medical professional (*e.g.* physician, nurse, or dentist) wishes to participate in and/or direct patient care on-scene, the EMS provider should contact Medical Control and inform the Medical Control Physician of the situation.
 2. If the medical professional on-scene (including the patient’s primary care physician) has properly identified himself/herself and wishes to direct patient care, the Medical Control Physician may consult with the on-scene medical professional, however the Medical Control Physician must give the orders.
 3. If the on-scene medical professional desires to provide patient care, he/she must accompany the patient to the receiving hospital and document their care on the patient report, including signature. This procedure should be explained to the provider in advance.

4. If an on-scene medical professional (or any person *claiming* to be a healthcare provider) is obstructing EMS efforts or is substantially compromising patient care, the EMS provider should redirect the interfering person, request law enforcement assistance and communicate the situation to Medical Control.
5. If EMS personnel or nursing staff from another system or jurisdiction (other than a requested intercept or mutual aid) are at the scene and request to provide or assist with patient care, excuse them from the scene if their assistance is not needed. If assistance is needed, these personnel may provide assistance with the supervision of the agency having jurisdiction of the scene. UnityPoint Health EMS System policies, procedures and protocols must be followed regardless of the assisting EMS personnel's authorized level of care.
6. Mutual Aid or intercepting agencies must provide care based on their own EMS System's policies and SMO's. The agency licensed at the highest level of care should manage the patient according to their EMS System SMOs and Policies, no matter which vehicle the patient is being transported in. UnityPoint Health EMS System personnel may assist providers from other EMS Systems within their Scope of Practice as established in the UnityPoint Health EMS System Program Plan.