



EMS System for Metropolitan Oklahoma City and Tulsa 2023 Medical Control Board Treatment Protocols



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9M – SUSPECTED ABUSE/NEGLECT ADULT & PEDIATRIC

EMERGENCY MEDICAL DISPATCHER
EMERGENCY MEDICAL RESPONDER
EMT
EMT-INTERMEDIATE 85
ADVANCED EMT
PARAMEDIC

Indications:

1. Concern for child abuse and/or neglect.
2. Concern for adult/elder abuse and/or neglect.

Contraindications:

None

In the course of EMS care of a patient (from time of emergency services request through transport of the patient to the destination location), EMS professionals that become concerned regarding actual or perceived abuse and/or neglect occurring to persons of any age should directly inform any receiving health care professionals and/or involved law enforcement officers of the concerns. If the concerns are regarding abuse and/or neglect of the patient, document such concerns in the patient care report, including specific comments that the receiving health care professional(s) and/or law enforcement officers were directly informed of such concerns in appropriate detail.

If EMS professionals believe an adult or child is being abused or neglected, and/or have concerns regarding the imminent safety of an adult or child due to possible abuse or neglect, there is a legal responsibility to report the beliefs and/or concerns.

**Oklahoma Department of Human Services Abuse and Neglect Hotline
(Calls Answered 24 Hours a Day/7 Days a Week)**

1-800-522-3511

When calling, identify yourself by name, EMS certification level, and agency/apparatus identification. Have as much patient/person information and situational/observation information possible readily available to share with the abuse and neglect hotline specialist.