14C – OTHER HEALTH PROFESSIONALS ON SCENES

EMERGENCY MEDICAL DISPATCHER
EMERGENCY MEDICAL RESPONDER
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Licensed EMS professionals must at all times act utilizing appropriate medical authority. Formats of appropriate medical authority include verbal physician medical orders, written physician medical orders, and standing orders in the form of the Medical Control Board Treatment Protocols. Licensed EMS professionals are authorized to accept medical directives from the following:

1. EMS System Chief Medical Officer.
2. Principles of accepted standard of care practice by EMS professionals, as defined by the Medical Control Board Treatment Protocols.
3. Verbal order from an On-Line Medical Control Physician (OLMCP) or approved designate (OLMC).
4. Verbal or written order signed by a physician (M.D. or D.O.) present with the patient in the medical office, clinic, or specialized treatment facility (eg. dialysis center).
5. Bystander physician that presents a valid M.D. or D.O. Oklahoma License Card.
6. Oklahoma Poison Control Center Specialists acting under the standing orders of the Physician Medical Director of the Oklahoma Poison Control Center.

<u>Compliance with Physician's Verbal or Written Orders</u>:

1. Verbal or written orders that are signed by the physician are acceptable.
2. If a physician (M.D. or D.O.) directs an EMS professional to provide treatment that is not clearly defined in the Medical Control Board Treatment Protocols that EMS professional may carry out the order to the best of his or her ability as long as the ordered treatment or procedure falls within his or her authorized scope of EMS practice.
3. If an EMS professional receives a physician order for care that he or she does not feel comfortable with, or feels the order does not represent the appropriate standard of care for the patient's assessed condition, he or she should advise the ordering physician of the Medical Control Board Treatment Protocols that he or she is required to uphold. Request to be allowed to continue further patient care under these standing orders. Should the ordering physician dissent to using these standing orders at that time, contact the appropriate OLMCP, brief the OLMCP on the situation, including the patient's assessed condition and the physician orders of

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Compliance with Physician's Verbal or Written Orders, cont.:

concern and allow the physicians to directly discuss further treatment of the patient. At no time should critical patient care as specified in these standing medical orders be delayed while resolution of the situation is occurring.

4. Poison Control Center Specialists are authorized to direct medical care related to the medical toxicology and/or hazardous material exposure aspects of patient care if contacted for directives.

General Principles for Working with Other Health Care Professional(s) On-Scene

1. Conduct all conversations and operations with the standards of professional demeanor and respectful attitude.

2. Make every reasonable effort to carry out orders within appropriate standards of care given by on-scene physician(s).

3. Orders by nurses, nurse practitioners, and physician assistants are not applicable to EMS professionals. Proceed with managing the patient according to established protocol.

4. If doubt exists as to whether the “physician” is indeed a validly licensed Oklahoma M.D. or D.O., ask to see the physician's registration card from the Oklahoma State Board of Medical Licensure and Supervision. If the physician cannot verify this status, EMS professionals are to proceed with managing the patient according to established protocol.