

**PATIENT REFUSAL NON-TRANSPORT
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EMS Personnel may treat and/or transport under the doctrine of implied consent a person who requires immediate care to save a life or prevent further injury. Minors may be treated and transported without parental consent if a good faith effort has been made to contact the parents or guardians regarding care and transport to a hospital, and the patient, in the opinion of EMS Personnel, needs transport to a hospital. When in doubt, contact Medical Control.

Determine if there is an Identified Patient

All instances of an identified patient, with or without impaired decision making capacity, must be documented on a Pre-hospital Care Report.

<p>IDENTIFIED PATIENT</p>	<p>There is a Patient Identified if the person meets ANY of the following criteria:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Significant mechanism of injury. 2. Signs or symptoms of traumatic injury. 3. Acute, or recent change in medical condition. 4. Behavior problems that place the patient or others at risk. 5. Person is less than 15 years of age and meets one of the other criteria referenced. 6. Person is the 911 caller. 7. In the medic's judgment, the patient requires medical assessment and treatment.
<p>IDENTIFIED PATIENT- REFUSING MEDICAL CARE & TRANSPORT</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Determine if the patient appears to have impaired decision making capacity. 2. Consider conditions that may be complicating the patient's ability to make decisions: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Head injury b. Drug or alcohol intoxication c. Toxic exposure d. Psychiatric problems e. Language barriers (consider translator) f. Serious medical conditions

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<p>IDENTIFIED PATIENT WITH DECISION MAKING CAPACITY</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Have the patient demonstrate the baseline activities of daily living without complication.2. Explain the risks and possible consequences of refusing care and/or transport.3. If a serious medical need exists, or any medication has been administered besides Dextrose 50%, contact Medical Control for physician assistance. (Request patient speak to physician if necessary.)4. Enlist family, friends, or law enforcement to help convince patient to be transported.5. If a patient continues to refuse, complete the Patient Refusal Information Sheet and have the patient sign it. Document in detail the risks and possible consequences of refusing care and information on treatment needed that was advised to the patient.
<p>IDENTIFIED PATIENT WITH IMPAIRED DECISION MAKING CAPACITY</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Treat and transport any person who is incapacitated and has a medical need.2. Occasionally, well intentioned friends or bystanders may refuse on the patients behalf. Only the patient can refuse care for themselves.3. With any medical need, make all reasonable efforts to assure that the patient receives medical care. Attempt to contact family, friends, or law enforcement to help.4. If necessary, consult with Medical Control and request a physician speak directly with the patient.5. Consider chemical or physical restraint per protocol.