

NON-TRANSPORT OF PATIENTS

The decision to seek emergency medical services usually resides with the patient, family, or, in certain instances, with legal custodians. Similarly, the decision to transport or not to transport should reside with the patient, family, or legal custodian. Major trauma patients are an exception and shall be transferred according to **trauma triage procedures**. In general, the only reasons for non-transport are:

- ✓ Signed refusal for transport completed by competent patient, family, or custodian
- ✓ No patient
- ✓ The emergency care provider may be of the judgment that the patient need not be transported by ambulance, but unless the patient and/or custodian agree with this judgment, transport will be done
- ✓ If the patient has a well-established history of frequent EMS requests unsubstantiated by medical need and the on-scene medical evaluation does not identify a significant acute medical problem, the EMS provider may contact medical control to consider denying ambulance transport to the patient

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