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## **MEDICAL CONTROL AT SCENE OF AN EMERGENCY**

### **PURPOSE**

To define patient care responsibilities at the scene of a non-disaster medical emergency when two (2) or more Advanced Life Support (ALS) personnel are present from two (2) or more agencies and to define the parameters for transferring patient care to another individual in the prehospital setting.

### **AUTHORITY**

Health & Safety Code, Division 2.5, Chapter 4, Article 1, § 1797.220

Health & Safety Code, Division 2.5, Chapter 5, § 1798.6

California Code of Regulations, Title 22, Division 9

### **POLICY**

- I. Authority for patient healthcare management in an emergency shall be vested in that licensed or certified healthcare professional, which may include any Paramedic, or other prehospital emergency personnel, at the scene of the emergency, who is most medically qualified specific to the provision of rendering emergency medical care. If no licensed or certified healthcare professional is available, the authority shall be vested in the most appropriate medically qualified representative of public safety agencies who may have responded to the scene of the emergency.
- II. Notwithstanding the above, authority for the management of the scene of an emergency shall be vested in the appropriate public safety agency having primary investigative authority. The scene of an emergency shall be managed in a manner designed to minimize the risk of death or health impairment to the patient and to other persons who may be exposed to the risks as a result of the emergency condition, and priority shall be placed upon the interests of those persons exposed to the more serious and immediate risks to life and health. Public safety officials shall consult Emergency Medical Services (EMS) personnel or other authoritative healthcare professionals at the scene in the determination of relevant risks. (Health & Safety Code, Division 2.5, Chapter 5, § 1798.6).

### **PROCEDURE**

- I. Medical management at the scene of a medical emergency includes:
  - A. Medical evaluation
  - B. Medical aspects of extrication and all movement of the patient(s)
  - C. Medical care
  - D. Patient destination, in consultation with Base Hospital when necessary
  - E. Transport code
- II. The first on duty ALS accredited responder on the scene shall assume responsibility for the patient's care.
- III. Whenever a Paramedic transfers patient care responsibility to another prehospital care provider, s/he is responsible for noting such action took place on the Patient Care



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Report (PCR) Form. The responsible Paramedic personnel are required to document patient findings and treatments according to YEMSA policy.