

Subject: Administration – Patient Care  
**Physician Involvement with EMTs and Paramedics**

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- I. Authority and Reference (incorporated herein by references)
  - A. Division 2.5 of Health and Safety Code
  - B. California Code of Regulations, Title 22
  - C. North Coast EMS Policies and Procedures
  - D. California Medical Association
  - E. State Emergency Medical Services Authority
- II. Purpose  
To establish alternatives for physician involvement with EMTs and Paramedics.
- III. Procedure
  - A. Physicians  
After identifying yourself by name as a physician licensed in the State of California, and if requested, showing proof of identity, you may choose to do one of the following:
    - 1. Offer your assistance with another pair of eyes, hands, or suggestions, but let the life support team remain under base hospital control; or,
    - 2. Request to talk to the base hospital physician and directly offer your medical advice and assistance; or,
    - 3. Take total responsibility for the care given by the life support team and physically accompany the patient until the patient arrives at a base hospital and responsibility is assumed by the receiving physician. In addition, you must sign for all instructions given in accordance with local policy and procedure. When possible, remain in contact with the base hospital physician.
  - B. EMTs and Paramedics
    - 1. Treat all physicians on-scene politely and with respect.
    - 2. May request that the physician identify themselves as a physician licensed in the State of California, and may request proof of identity.
    - 3. If possible, contact base hospital physician.
    - 4. Drugs and equipment may be made available for the physician's use if the MD complies with the requirements as listed above under Section A.
    - 5. Medical control of ALS personnel remains with the base hospital.
    - 6. If complications arise, consider initiation of an incident report.