

## RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN EMS TEAM AND PRIVATE PHYSICIAN

When the patient's private physician is in attendance and has identified himself upon the arrival of the EMS team, the EMS team will comply with the private physician's instructions for the patient. The receiving hospital will be contacted for reporting an estimated time of arrival. If orders are given, which are inconsistent with established protocols, clearance must be obtained through the Supervising Physician.

The Physician at the scene may:

- ✓ Request to talk directly to the Supervising Physician to offer advice and assistance
- ✓ Offer assistance to the EMS team with another pair of eyes, hands, or suggestions, leaving the EMS team under Medical Control
- ✓ Take total responsibility for the patient with the concurrence of the Supervising Physician.



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If, during transport, the patient's condition should warrant treatment other than that requested by the private physician, the Supervising Physician will be contacted, using the H.E.A.R. system, for information and concurrence with any treatment, except in cases of cardiopulmonary arrest.

The above "Physician at Scene" will also apply to cases where a physician may happen upon the scene of a medical emergency and interacts with the EMS team. Show physician at scene the **Thank You for Your Offer of Assistance** card.

