

RELEASE AT SCENE (RAS)

Indication

- EMS personnel and the patient or Designated Decision Maker (DDM) concur that the illness/injury does not require immediate treatment/transport via emergency/911 services

- All patients requesting medical attention will be offered treatment and/or transportation after a complete assessment, including a full set of vital signs
- Mentally competent patients/DDMs have the right to accept or refuse any or all pre-hospital care and transportation as long as EMS personnel have explained the care and the patient/DDM understands by restating the nature and implications of such decisions

- EMS personnel should advise the patient/DDM of alternative care and transport options which may include:
 - Private transport to a clinic, physician's office, or an Emergency Department
 - Telephone consultation with a physician

- Have patient/DDM sign the RAS form
- If patient refuses to sign, document on PCR

📞 PHYSICIAN CONSULT

- If there are any questions or concerns regarding the patient's disposition

CRITICAL INFORMATION

- Patients who may legally give consent or refuse medical treatment are as follows:
 - At least 18 years of age
 - A minor (<18 years) who is lawfully married/divorced, or on active duty with the armed forces
 - A minor who seeks prevention or treatment of pregnancy or sexual assault
 - A minor ≥12 years of age seeking treatment of rape, contagious diseases, alcohol or drug abuse
 - A self-sufficient minor, ≥15 years of age, caring for themselves
 - A legally emancipated minor
- DDM is an individual to whom the patient or a court has given legal authority to make medical decisions concerning the patient's healthcare (a parent or Durable Power of Attorney)
- An RAS may be obtained by telephone consent for patients who do not have a DDM physically present

SPECIAL CONSIDERATIONS

- Consider early involvement of law enforcement if there is any threat to self, others or grave disability