

# 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
- Patients/DDMs with decision making capacity 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

**📞 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