

# PATIENT REFUSAL OF TRANSPORT ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER

If allowed, initial patient assessment to include, but not limited to:

Vital signs  
FSBG as indicated  
Appropriate body system assessment  
Cognitive screen tool

Use this AO on all PT's  $\geq 18$  years of age or emancipated minors who wish to refuse transport to hospital

\*Emancipated minors will have identifier on Driver's License or ID Card

## Patient must meet the following criteria:

- Alert and oriented to person, place, and time\*
- Does not verbalize a danger to self or others
- Does not appear and denies impairment by drugs or alcohol\*
- No evidence of neurological injury
- No evidence of hemodynamic instability
- No evidence of hypoglycemia ( $\geq 70$  FSBG)
- Ability to verbalize an understanding of the risks of refusing transport up to and including permanent disability, worsening condition, or death\*
- Assumes complete responsibility for the decision not to be transported OR responsible party willing to take responsibility of patient\*

## Contact medical direction if:

- Apparent life threatening conditions exist
- Provider is not comfortable with situation and/or the refusal
- Possible physical/psychological abuse situation

## Document:

- The refusal on ePCR, showing all above criteria were met.
- Physicians name if Medical Direction is contacted.
- If law enforcement is on scene then agency, officer name and badge number need to be documented.
- Pertinent or unusual information related to incident or patient injury

\* For patients <18 years old, or those with a valid medical power of attorney, a legal guardian must be on scene, or available via telephone, and must meet all criteria above marked with \*