



Disposition (Patient Instructions)

Policy:

All patient encounters responded to by EMS will result in the accurate and timely completion of:

- The Patient Care Report (PCR) for all patients transported by EMS
- The Patient Disposition Form for all patients not transported by EMS

Purpose:

To provide for the documentation of:

- The evaluation and care of the patient
- The patient's refusal of the evaluation, treatment, and/or transportation
- The patient's disposition instructions
- The patient's EMS encounter to protect the local EMS system and its personnel from undue risk and liability.

Procedure:

1. All patient encounters, which result in some component of an evaluation, must have a Patient Care Report completed.
2. All patients who refuse any component of the evaluation or treatment, based on the complaint, must have a Disposition Form completed.
3. All patients who are NOT transported by EMS must have a Disposition (patient instruction) Form completed including the Patient Instruction Section.
4. A copy of the Patient Disposition Form should be maintained with the official Patient Care Report (PCR)