

POLICY:	200.22 PHYSICIAN-NURSE ON THE SCENE		
APPROVAL:	VICE PRESIDENT OF PROFESSIONAL SERVICES; MANAGER OF EMS:		
EFFECTIVE DATE: 2/15/2024			ORIGINAL EFFECTIVE DATE: 08/16
DEPARTMENT SPECIFIC		EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES	

I. Purpose:

To define the role and responsibilities of the physician/nurse on the scene. To identify the procedure for use of medications by the physician/nurse on the scene.

II. Procedure:

A. Physician/Nurse on the Scene

1. In order for physician/nurse on the scene to assume patient care, he/she must provide their State of Illinois medical license/registered professional nurse license and State-issued picture identification.
2. The pre-hospital provider will immediately contact the hospital via online Medical Control and the hospital shall be notified of the patient's present status and the presence of a physician/nurse on the scene.
3. If the physician/nurse on the scene decides to become involved directly in the patient's care, he/she should be informed that he/she must accompany the patient to the hospital and sign the Patient Care Report.
 - a. It is imperative that physician-to-physician communication be established from the scene to the communicating hospital. If the physician on the scene insists on deviating from the Region VII protocols, he/she should be requested to personally carry out all orders.
 - b. The nurse assisting at the scene must follow Region VII protocols or provide treatment as directed by Medical Control.

III. Procedure:

A. Use of Medications

1. Medications the physician has in his/her possession can be administered to the patient by the physician only. Use of these medications must be communicated to the communicating hospital.
2. Medications from the ambulance ALS drug box can be administered to the patient by the physician/nurse within the guidelines established by Region VII SMO's. Again, use must be communicated to the communicating hospital.
3. In both of the above situations, usual information such as time given, route, dosage and the person who administers the drug must be documented on the Patient Care Report.

Approval:

James Kirchner **Date**
Vice President of Professional Services

Kathleen Geiger MSN, RN **Date**
Manager of EMS & Emergency Management