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 EMS Medical Director

 EMS Administrator

Purpose:

- A. To define the situations where it is permissible for a non-transporting Paramedic to transfer patient care to a transporting Paramedic.
- B. To expedite the care to a transporting Paramedic.

Authority:

- A. California Health and Safety Code, Division 2.5
- B. California Code of Regulations, Title 22, Division 9

Protocol:

- A. A non-transporting Paramedic may transfer care to a transporting Paramedic if the transporting Paramedic agrees to assume responsibility for the patient.
- B. All assessment and care provided by the non-transporting Paramedic must be relayed to the transporting Paramedic, who will then communicate to the receiving hospital staff.
- C. It is the responsibility of both Paramedics that patient care not be compromised because of transfer of care.
- D. A transporting Paramedic may refuse to assume care for a patient they feel has not been adequately treated or stabilized for the given circumstances.
- E. Direct medical control is not required for the transfer of care. Paramedics are encouraged to utilize direct medical control to expedite the transfer of care whenever questions arise.
- F. EMS patient care documentation requirements of PD# 2305 (**EMS Patient Care Report: Completion and Distribution**) must be followed.
- G. For Multi Casualty Incidents (MCI) and expanded emergencies see program document PD# 7500 (**Disaster Medical Services Plan**).

Cross reference: PD# 2305 – EMS Patient Care Report: Completion and Distribution
 PD# 7500 – Disaster Medical Services Plan