Physician on Scene

Purpose: To provide a process for interaction between EMS personnel and physicians at the scene of a medical emergency.

1. Responsibility of Medical Control
   A. "When a life support agency is present at the scene of the emergency, authority for the management of an emergency patient in an emergency is vested in the physician responsible for medical control until that physician relinquishes management of the patient to a licensed physician at the scene of the emergency". MCL 333.20967

   B. The EMS provider is responsible for management of the patient and acts as the agent of the medical control physician.

2. Patient Management in the Presence of an On Scene Physician
   A. The EMS provider may accept assistance and/or advice of the on-scene physician provided they are consistent with medical control protocols. The assistance of an on-scene physician may be provided without accepting full responsibility for patient care, as long as there is ongoing communications and approval by the medical control physician. The medical control physician may relinquish control of the patient to the on-scene physician provided the on-scene physician agrees to accept full responsibility for the patient. Full responsibility includes accompanying the patient to the hospital and completing a patient care record. The EMS personnel should encourage the on-scene physician to communicate with the on-line medical control physician.

   B. The medical control physician may reassume responsibility of the patient at their discretion at any time.