Physician on Scene

**SCOPE:**
Poudre Valley Hospital EMS and represented Northern Colorado services [See page 1]

**PURPOSE:**
To define roles and responsibilities when an intervener physician is on scene

**PROCEDURES AND GUIDELINES:**

A. Control of medical care of a patient should be the responsibility of the individual in attendance who is most appropriately trained and knowledgeable in providing pre-hospital emergency stabilization and transport.

B. The pre-hospital provider is still responsible for the management of the patient and acts as the agent of the medical director or on-line physician.

C. If an intervener physician is present, the pre-hospital provider should allow the intervener physician to participate in patient management when the intervener physician has identified himself and has demonstrated willingness to assume responsibility for patient care.

D. If the treatment at the emergency scene differs from that outlined in local protocol, the physician should agree in advance to remain in attendance with the patient to the hospital, and on-line medical control should be obtained.

E. If there is any disagreement between the intervener physician and the on-line physician, the pre-hospital provider should take orders from the on-line physician and place the intervener physician in contact with the on-line physician.

F. If any other non-physician provider is present, the PVH directed pre-hospital provider is in charge. For any conflicts, contact medical base station physician for direction.

**ADDITIONAL CONSIDERATIONS:**

**REFERENCES:**