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**Rendezvous Protocol**

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

**PURPOSE:**
To define rendezvous guidelines

**PROCEDURES AND GUIDELINES:**

A. Patients in the Hospital’s district will normally be transported to Emergency Departments by paramedic ambulance. It may be in the best interests of the patient for QRTs to rendezvous with the ALS transport ambulance or helicopter.

B. The QRT vehicle used for transport must be equipped as an ambulance, as outlined by the Larimer County Health Department.

C. The patient must consent to the rendezvous, unless otherwise incapacitated and gives implied consent.

D. An EMT or Paramedic must accompany the patient in the patient compartment.

E. The number and training of personnel used to transport the patient should be appropriate to the treatment needed, or anticipated, during the rendezvous.

F. EMS Providers who are not familiar with patient transport techniques should not handle emergency rendezvous.

**ADDITIONAL CONSIDERATIONS:**

**REFERENCES:**