

PATIENT CHOICE

1. Purpose: The process of honoring a patient's medical choice after informing the patient of the risks and benefits associated with that choice, as in the case of a patient requesting a destination different from the one outlined in the CORE Protocols.
2. Procedure:
 - 2.1. The patient must personally and adamantly refuse to accept transportation to a particular emergency department as outlined by LaSalle Ambulance Service CORE protocols and/or the medical control physician.
 - 2.2. Inform the patient of his/her condition and the risks associated with the choice.

When transporting to a hospital of choice that is on DIVERT STATUS due to the adamant request of the patient, complete the "Pt. Refused Treatment/Transport Signature" within the ePCR or AGAINST MEDICAL ADVICE INFORMED CONSENT.

When transporting to a hospital of choice for any other reason, including unstable patients requesting a hospital other than the hospital suggested by protocol or by LaSalle Ambulance personnel, complete the "Pt. Refused Treatment/Transport Signature" within the ePCR or AGAINST MEDICAL ADVICE INFORMED CONSENT.

(SEE APPENDIX FOR FORM)

- 2.3. Complete all sections of the informed consent form.
- 2.4. The patient must be able to personally request and sign the AMA informed consent form, prior to transport; however, witnesses may be obtained at the final destination if needed. An immediate family member may not execute an informed consent on a patient unless the patient is younger than 18 years old.