



Refusals After ALS Procedures/Medications/BLS ECGs

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In cases where a patient wants to refuse transport to a hospital after an ALS procedure or medication or BLS ECG has been performed, it is not mandated that online medical direction needs to be contacted by providers. However, contacting online medical direction is a tool that is available to providers to discuss the patient, attempt to convince patient to be transported, better advise patient of risks of refusal, or any other reason. It is expected that providers will contact medical direction if patient is unstable, patient has complicated medical history, or any case where the provider is uncomfortable.

Patients should be encouraged to go to the hospital. Patient care should not be provided with a goal of convincing a patient to refuse transport. Patients must be properly advised of risks of refusal per TJEMS guidelines.