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MEMORANDUM

To: BLS/ILS/ALS Agencies

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Subject: ETOH Patient Refusal Policy Addendum

For many years any patient that presented with any degree of ETOH documentation was technically supposed to be considered a high-risk refusal. There are many instances where this was not appropriate to a given situation, and only made the situation more exasperating and complex.

With that being said we have created some clinical criteria to help providers differentiate between ETOH patients that should be considered low risk vs high risk refusals.

Agencies that have scheduled the ETOH continuing education session will receive additional training and an in person review of this policy.

The attached flow sheet is pretty easy to follow. Very simply put if the answer to all the questions is No, then you can process the patient as a Low-Risk patient and do not have to contact online medical control. If the answer to any of the questions is Yes, then either transport and/or consultation with online medical control is required.

If there are any questions regarding this policy please contact me in the office.

Yours in EMS,

Dylan