

GENERAL INFORMATION

Purpose

The purpose of this document is to provide guidelines regarding permissible and appropriate emergency medical services procedures and treatment modalities which may be rendered by personnel to a patient in the out-of-hospital environment.

Professional Judgment

Since each medical emergency must be dealt with on an individual basis and appropriate care determined accordingly, professional judgment is mandatory in determining treatment within the parameters of these guidelines.

Authority

The authority for implementing these guidelines for care of pre-hospital patients is found in state law OCGA 31-11-60.1 (b) and (c), OCGA 31-11-50 (b), and the Rules of the Department of Public Health Chapter 511-9-2.

It is the responsibility of each medic to be familiar with the laws, rules and regulations, and guidelines and adhere to them. Even an order by a physician does not justify procedures not in accordance with laws, rules and regulations.