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1. It shall be the policy of Hillsborough County Fire Rescue to provide medical care according to the policies set by the department and approved by the Department Medical Director.
2. If a physician (State of Florida licensed M.D. or D.O.) arrives on the scene and **after providing proper identification** requests to take over patient care or to give you orders, politely inform the physician that they will be required to do **ALL** of the following:
  - a. Speak directly to Medic-1 to assume responsibility for medical care.
  - b. Agree to accompany the patient to the hospital to provide direct and uninterrupted supervision of the patient.
  - c. Acknowledge that they have accepted ALL responsibility for the patient and will be required to sign the patient treatment record at the receiving hospital.
3. If the physician is insisting on providing medical care, contact Medic-1.
  - a. HCFR personnel will only follow orders that you have been trained to perform and that are in the best interest of the patient.
4. If the physician is not willing to do all of the things listed in section (2) above, do not follow his/her orders and request law enforcement assistance via EDC and treat the patient per HCFR policy.