



Emergency Medical Training Services

Emergency Medical Technician – Basic Program Outlines

Outline Topic: EMS MEDICAL DIRECTOR

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DEFINITIONS

- Medical Director also known as Medical Control, Medical Direction, Medical Oversight.

HISTORY

- EMT's are physician extenders with a wide scope of care without direct supervision in emergency situations. Dead is dead. The Medical Practice ACT allows a doctor to take an EMT under his or her wings to work. The EMT is actually working under the doctor's license.

MEDICAL DIRECTOR

- Writes a protocol book to be followed.
- Must participate in QA/QI.
- Must make sure the EMT knows what they are doing.

TYPES OF DIRECTION

- On-line (direct medical direction) talking directly to a medical director or agent authorized to give orders for the medical director.
- Off-line (indirect medical direction) using a book of protocols that give permission to do things without calling doctor.

- When using a protocol book without calling the doctor the EMT is using standing orders, which are a form of off-line medical control.

MEDICAL DIRECTION RULE - DOCTOR SAYS...

- What equipment will be on an ambulance.
- What communication system will be available.
- Establish a direct connection to a doctor or agent.
- Case review.
- Education program.
- System review.