



# CNY\*EMS

Central New York

**Regional Emergency Medical Services**

**Protocol**

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**Re: Refusal of Care**

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## Policy:

Recently, the NYS Department of Health has updated its position on refusals to allow for the most appropriate use of resources. It is no longer required to complete a refusal on those patients you see that **have no complaint**. A PCR must still be completed for that call describing the details and interaction with the individuals at the scene. However, any incident with a mechanism of injury that tells you the patient should be hurt even without complaint requires that a refusal be completed. \*

### **\*Refusals must be taken by an EMT or Higher**

**Example:** a car accident with severe damage or intrusion, a fall from heights greater than one story, or any situation that would lead you to believe that the patient should be injured.

School Bus Accidents should still follow the same procedures: complete the school bus form, complete one PCR for all the uninjured children and a refusal form signed by a school representative.

