

	Z13	<i>Emergency Medical Services Branch/Office of the Medical Director</i>
	2015-11-25	Orders from Non-EMS Affiliated Physicians

EMS-affiliated physicians include licensed service local medical directors, the Provincial Medical Director and Associate Medical Directors, and physicians who are members of an established mechanism to provide clinical support (on-line medical control) to EMS personnel.

1. Under most circumstances clinical procedures and medication administration must be in accordance with *EMS Protocols & Procedures* (Emergency Treatment Guidelines).
2. In exceptional circumstances, licensed technicians in consultation with their EMS on-call supervisor may receive order(s) for medications and procedures from a non-EMS affiliated physician (or an appropriate designate for that physician) provided that all of the following are met.
 - a. The patient’s clinical condition or the situation is time-sensitive and there is not sufficient time for consultation with an EMS-affiliated physician, and
 - b. The order is for a procedure or medication that falls within the accepted scope of practice for the technician at their licence level as defined by **Z05.1 Delegated Acts – Procedures** and **Z05.2 Delegated Acts – Medications**, and
 - c. The physician providing the order(s) has sole or shared responsibility for the care of that patient:
 - i. The physician is directly involved in the patient’s care at a referring facility or is part of the treatment team at the referring facility, or
 - ii. The physician has accepted and/or will be receiving care of the patient in a receiving facility or is part of the treatment team at the receiving facility, or
 - iii. The physician has a pre-existing clinical relationship with that patient, such as a primary care physician, and knowledge of the current clinical situation.
3. Except as in item 4 below, all orders must be in written format and appended to the EMS Patient Care Report (PCR). The orders must include:
 - a. patient’s identifying data
 - b. date and time
 - c. indications for all medications
 - d. parameters for any medication requiring titration
 - e. physician’s signature and printed name
4. While in transit to or from a health care facility, the attendant technician may accept an order by radio or telephone. The service Medical Director or designate must ensure that a written order (in a format as described in 3 above) is subsequently obtained and attached to the patient’s facility record or PCR.