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Compulsory Responsibilities of the EMS Medical Director

The Florida Association of EMS Medical Directors, is an organization of physicians who serve as Medical Directors for licensed EMS agencies in the State of Florida. Our group, which is recognized by the Florida Department of Health as representing the State's physician leadership in EMS, is focused on addressing emergency medical care issues that potentially impact every citizen or visitor of Florida.

Pursuant to Florida Statute Chapter 401, and Florida Administrative Code 64E-2.004, EMS agencies are required to contract or employ an appropriately qualified medical director, which must be an M.D. or D.O.

The following are an EMS Medical Director's compulsory responsibilities:

- An EMS Medical Director shall develop and monitor medically correct standing orders or protocols that permit specified ALS (Advanced Life Support) and BLS (Basic Life Support) procedures.
- An EMS Medical Director shall develop, implement and oversee a patient care quality assurance system.
- An EMS Medical Director shall ensure and certify the security procedures of the EMS provider for medications, fluids and controlled substances.
- An EMS Medical Director shall ensure adherence to detailed written operating procedures regarding all aspects of the handling of medications, fluids and controlled substances by the provider.

The Florida Association of EMS Medical Directors supports efforts by Medical Directors and EMS providers that act to improve patient safety throughout the State of Florida. Every EMS Medical Director has the obligation and responsibility to ensure that medical care provided under their license is safe, medically correct, and free from reasonably avoidable medical errors. In order to accomplish this, Medical Directors must regularly assess the skill set competency and fund of knowledge of EMS personnel acting under their scope of oversight. When deficiencies are recognized, appropriate remedial actions should be taken to preserve the high quality of care being delivered by Florida's dedicated EMS providers.