

Iowa County, Iowa
Policy Manual

Title: Patient Refusal Forms	Reference #: AMB 1049
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Policy

- The attending EMT/Paramedic will be responsible for obtaining a signed patient refusal form in the event a patient refuses ambulance transport or treatment.

Procedure

- Patient refusal forms should be completed using the ESO mobile software when possible. All hard copy refusals shall be scanned into the ePCR.
- Complete all sections of the Refusal form including patient signature and witness signature if available.
- Preferable have law enforcement witness. If Witness is a bystander than you should obtain their address as well.
- If patient is a minor, a parent or guardian signature should be obtained. If obtaining verbal permission over the phone then law enforcement should also confirm with parent. This shall be documented on refusal.
- All incomplete patient refusal forms will be returned to the attending EMT/Paramedic for completion.
- In the situation that there is a patient(s) requiring immediate transport and there is not time to complete a refusal form on additional patient(s) refusing transport: if possible utilize QRS to obtain refusals or if QRS is not available then document appropriately in narrative.