### Scene Control at a Medical Emergency

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I. **Purpose:** To establish authority for scene control at a medical emergency.

II. **Authority:** California Health and Safety Code, Section 1797.6(c)

III. **Policy:**

   A. Authority for the management of the scene of an emergency shall be vested in the appropriate public safety agency having primary investigative authority.

   B. The scene of an emergency shall be managed in a manner designed to minimize the risk of death or health impairment to the patient and to other persons who may be exposed to the risks as a result of the emergency condition, and priority shall be placed upon the interests of those persons exposed to the more serious and immediate risks to life and health.

   C. Public safety officials shall consult emergency medical services personnel or other authoritative health care professionals at the scene in the determination of relevant risks.