

EMS DECISION MAKING CAPACITY CHECKLIST



ASSESSMENT OF CAPACITY

The patient is able to demonstrate the following:

- ☐ **Understanding:** The patient is able to comprehend the information being provided by EMS providers regarding illness/injury and the risk and benefits of receiving and/or refusing care.
- ☐ **Appreciation:** The patient is able to apply the information provided by EMS to their current situation.
- ☐ **Reasoning:** The patient is able to weigh the risk and benefits of the situation in a rational and logical manner to reach a decision.
- ☐ **Expression of Choice:** The patient is able to reach a clear decision that is consistent with their values.
- ☐ **Patient has not expressed suicidal or homicidal thoughts.**

RESOLUTION *(check all that apply)*

- ☐ Med Control contacted.
- ☐ This patient has successfully demonstrated the required components of decision-making capacity and is able to make their own decisions. The patient has been explained the risks and benefits of refusing care and is still consistently refusing additional treatment and/or transport. Further details in Refusal Document.
- ☐ This patient does not demonstrate the required components of decision-making capacity and cannot refuse care. Leaving this patient unattended risks serious harm and/or death if medical care is not pursued. The patient will be transported to the nearest appropriate facility for assessment and further stabilization. Further details in PCR.

Agency: _____ Run #: _____

Completed by: _____

Signature: _____