

**Medical Control Guideline: DISPOSITION GUIDANCE FOR PATIENTS
AT RISK OF SUICIDE**

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Determination of patient disposition shall consider all information obtained during the field evaluation and should not rely solely on the results of a suicide risk screening, including: the patient's medical and behavioral or psychiatric condition, information from key third parties, as well as any mental health evaluation performed by an LPS-Evaluator, if applicable.

In general, patients will be transported to the MAR or PUCC when EMS is called to respond either on a voluntary basis or on a 5150 / 5585 hold. For low risk patients with decision-making capacity refusing transport against medical advice, or in situations involving disagreement between different responders or agencies, standardized suicide risk screening is a useful tool to facilitate communication between EMS, LE and the Base Hospital.

