

**REGION I EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES
STANDING MEDICAL ORDERS
EMT-Basic, EMT-Paramedic**

SMO: Load and Go

Overview: “Load and go” are situations where scene time should be kept to a minimum. Most treatment should be done enroute. However, there are many variables which may dictate other priorities. Some of these considerations would be helicopter scene response, inclement weather, and insufficient personnel on the scene to take care of other patients. These and similar situations need to be dealt with on a case-by-case basis.

INFORMATION NEEDED

- Scene survey completed
- A complete Initial assessment of the patient
- Pertinent focused assessment of the patient

OBJECTIVE FINDINGS

One or more of the following identified

- Significant mechanisms of injury / nature of illness
- Poor general impression of the patient
- Problems identified in the initial assessment which the EMT can not correct

Examples of Load-and-Go situations include but are not limited to:

- Unable to secure the airway.
- Penetrating wounds to the chest or abdomen with associated shock.
- Traumatic cardiopulmonary arrest.
- Massive internal hemorrhage with shock.
- Head injury with rapidly deteriorating condition.
- Complicated childbirth
- Status asthmaticus

Documentation of adherence to protocol:

- Scene times
- Documentation of mechanism of injury / nature of illness

PRECAUTIONS AND COMMENTS

- Rapid transport is encouraged but EMT must attempt to secure ABCs at scene and/or enroute