



Decline Checklist

Tips to manage high-risk patient **decline** of care and/or transport



Who can decline treatment and/or transport?

To have capacity, the patient must:

- Be able to understand that a decision must be made
- Understand the risks
- Be able to communicate those risks
- Be free of coercion or other influence

F : Perform a **full** patient exam with vitals
: (unless patient declines assessment)

E : **Explain** the real complications the patient risks plus
: benefits and alternatives to treatment & transport

A : **Ask** the family for help and engagement as appropriate
: and consider OLMC to support the conversation

R : **Record** the discussion and the patient's comprehension
: in the ePCR narrative, obtain pt signature for decline

S : Have a **supportive** attitude, encourage call back if needed

Contact OLMC if any concerns or confusion arise