EMS Personnel upon arrival at the scene should perform a rapid assessment of the patient to determine if he/she falls into one of the following categories. Once determined, the patient priority is communicated to on-line medical control during radio report.

### Guidelines for Priority 1 Patients

1. Request Paramedics if not already dispatched.
   a) In cases where the transporting unit is on scene and paramedics have not arrived, transport should not be delayed.
   b) Immediate transport may be considered with the approval of the responding paramedics or On-line medical control.
   c) The paramedics will decide if a rendezvous is advisable by communicating with the transporting unit.
2. Contact and transport to the closest appropriate Facility.
   a) The process of contacting the facility shall in no way increase time to the total scene and transport time, or supersede any initial treatment of the patient. This means contacting the facility after transport has begun in some cases.

### Guidelines for Priority 2 and 3 Patients

1. Contact and transport to (in descending order);
   a) The facility where the patient desires to go.
   b) The Facility where the patient’s physician practices.
   c) The Facility where the patient was treated for the same type of illness/injury.
   d) If no Facility or physician preferences, the contact the nearest Facility.