

## **2-05/035.25 Consent/Refusal of Treatment**

An injured inmate who is conscious shall be asked if they can be helped by a Deputy. This inmate may refuse treatment; however, if the inmate is in the Sheriff's custody and the paramedics recommend hospital treatment, the inmate shall be transported to the nearest contract hospital. If the inmate refuses medical treatment at the hospital, the medical staff will usually have the person sign a release and refusal of treatment. The escorting Deputy shall obtain a copy of this signed document and place in the inmate's booking package. If the inmate is unconscious, consent to treat is implied and immediate first aid action shall take place.

If the inmate consents to the Deputy assisting them, first aid should be administered only to the level of training the treating Deputy has obtained.

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