

SECTION

SUB-SECTION

Patient Care Delivery

Spinal Motion Restriction

DOCUMENT TITLE

Spinal Motion Restriction Device Removal

DEFINITIONS

PEAK:	PEAK Emergency Response Training (<i>a division of Peak Project Management, Inc.</i>)
PCD:	Patient Care Directive
APTP:	Advanced Protocol Training Program
NUEC:	Non-Urban Emergency Care (levels 1 – 3)
NUOFA:	Non-Urban Occupational First Aid (levels 1 & 3)
Provider(s):	APTP, NUEC (levels 1-3) and/or NUOFA (1 & 3) certified individuals

RECITALS

1. PEAK is responsible for the content, revision and review of this document.

PURPOSE

1. This PCD is applicable to APTP, NUEC and/or NUOFA certified Providers.
2. This PCD is to provide guidance for the removal of spinal motion restriction devices (i.e. long back board, scoop stretcher or vacuum mattress) from a spinal motion restricted patient once a patient has arrived at an appropriate patient care location (ski patrol hut/clinic, infirmary or similar facility).

PROCEDURE

1. Patients who have been spinal motion restricted in the field and transported to an appropriate patient care location are to have the spinal motion restriction device removed in accordance with PEAK's Spinal Motion Restriction Device Removal Procedure – Pre-Removal Checklist.
2. In rare circumstances removal of a spinal motion restriction device may not be undertaken. In these circumstances, the lead Provider will document the rationale for not removing the spinal motion restriction device on a PEAK Incident Report.



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