

# PATIENT CARE DIRECTIVE

SECTION	SUB-SECTION
Patient Care Delivery	Spinal Motion Restriction
DOCUMENT TITLE	
Spinal Motion Restriction Device Removal	

## DEFINITIONS

- APTP: Advanced Protocol Training Program
- NUEC: Non-Urban Emergency Care (levels 1 – 3)
- NUOFA: Non-Urban Occupational First Aid (levels 1 & 3)
- PCD: Patient Care Directive
- PEAK: PEAK Emergency Response Training
- Provider(s): NUEC (levels 1 – 3), NUOFA (1 & 3), APTP (optional) certified individuals

## RECITALS


1. PEAK is responsible for the content, revision and review of this document.
2. This PCD is applicable to NUEC, NUOFA and APTP (optional) certified Providers.

## PURPOSE

1. 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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