



PROGRAM POLICY

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1.0 PURPOSE

To define the scope of practice for paramedics when patient care originates within the Regional Paramedic Program for Eastern Ontario (RPPEO) catchment area and is to be continued outside of Ontario.

2.0 SCOPE

This policy applies to all RPPEO-certified paramedics providing care during transport beyond Ontario's borders, including within and outside of Canada.

3.0 REFERENCES

- Regional Paramedic Program for Eastern Ontario Policies and Medical Directives
- Emergency Health Services Branch, Field Office Region 4

4.0 POLICY STATEMENT

RPPEO-certified paramedics are authorized to provide controlled medical acts outside of Ontario in accordance with RPPEO-approved medical directives, while actively employed by a land ambulance service operating within RPPEO's jurisdiction. All applicable RPPEO policies and procedures remain in effect during out-of-province transports.

5.0 PROCEDURE

1. Within Canada:

RPPEO-certified paramedics may perform controlled acts while outside Ontario but still within Canada, provided the patient care originated within the RPPEO



catchment area and is delivered in accordance with RPPEO-approved medical directives.

2. Outside Canada:

RPPEO-certified paramedics may perform controlled acts outside Canada under the following conditions:

- Patient care must have originated within the RPPEO catchment area.
- Care must be delivered in accordance with RPPEO-approved medical directives.
- Paramedics must remain inside the ambulance while providing care.
- Once the paramedic exits the ambulance while outside of Canada, they are no longer considered certified and may not perform controlled medical acts until re-entering Canada.

3. Resuscitation & DNR Protocols:

Paramedics must follow their paramedic service's applicable policies regarding termination of resuscitation or Do Not Resuscitate (DNR) orders while outside of Ontario.

Revision Record

Version number	Revision Date	Summary of Changes
1.0	August 2016	Pre-existing 2015 version reviewed as baseline for new versioning system.
1.1	July 7, 2025	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Formatting standardized according to RPPEO policy structure.• Scope, Policy Statement, and numbered headings added.• Language clarified and organized for consistency.• Removed internal classification no longer supported by TOH• No substantive changes to clinical roles or responsibilities.