

**UNIVERSITY OF FLORIDA COLLEGE OF MEDICINE – JACKSONVILLE**  
**Resident Manual**

**AGAINST MEDICAL ADVICE**

Patients who leave the facility AMA or refuse treatment are required to sign a “Refusal of Hospitalization or Medical Treatment Against Medical Advice (AMA)” form. This includes patients leaving AMA through the emergency department. In addition to the patient signing the form, the physician is required to inform such patients of risks associated with their decision and sign their name. If the physician speaks with the in-patient by phone, the RN can facilitate getting the patient’s signature, and the physician will complete the appropriate section of the AMA form as soon as possible. If the patient elopes, the nursing staff will complete the form.

This form may be found in forms fast under the emergency department tab. See the complete Shands policy CP 2.23. If you have any questions, you may contact the Shands Jacksonville legal department.