

eDisposition.xx Patient Disposition

DS: Could "No Patient Encountered" be moved to Incident Disposition? Then Patient Disposition would be used only if there was a patient.

CC: This element is about whether there was patient contact or not and overall disposition of the patient. As this will be a mandatory element, there must be an option for no patient encountered. This will provide an easy filter for calls where there was no patient. And there is a difference between no patient encountered and no patient contact.

eDisposition.xx Incident Disposition

DS: Could "Refused Care or Support Services" be removed as a choice? It overlaps with "Patient Contact-Evaluated, Refused Care" in Patient Disposition.

CC: This element is about the incident disposition and may get looked at separately from the patient disposition. Note that the wording here is refused care OR support services, so it is a bit of a catchall for several scenarios

DS (2/14): I'm trying to get a feel for these elements.

- I'm wondering if the "Patient Accepted and Transferred to Referral Agency" option is answering multiple questions which are already answered elsewhere. If we select Incident Disposition "Primary Care by THIS Agency" the Type of Service of "Medical Evaluation for Referral/Intake," and then document a transfer to a Referral Agency, couldn't we achieve the same goal?
- Similarly for "Integrated Health Care Encounter Completed" -- could we put that detail into other elements?
- Would you consider making Patient Disposition a Required instead of Mandatory element, and enforcing it through Schematron? That would give a nice separation between these two elements where "Patient Disposition" only gets documented if there was a patient on scene. That's why I'm
 - Suggest moving "No Patient to Encountered" to Incident Disposition.
 - Suggest moving "Refused Care or Support Services" to Patient Disposition.

Patient Disposition	Incident Disposition
Patient Contact-Evaluated and Care Provided	Primary Care by THIS Agency
Patient Contact-Evaluated, Refused Care	Primary Care by ANOTHER Agency
Patient Contact-Evaluated, No Care Required	Primary Care Transferred to Another Agency
Patient Contact Support	Refused Care or Support Services
No Patient Contact	Support Services Provided
No Patient Encountered	Support Services Not Required-Back in Service
Non-Patient Contact Services	Canceled
Integrated Health Care or Services Provided	Patient Accepted and Transferred to Referral Agency
	Integrated Health Care Encounter Completed

eResponse.05 Type of Service Requested

DS: Could we add an option for "Transport to Non-Hospital Healthcare Facility"? I think that would help crews transitioning from V340 when "Interfacility" was frequently used for that kind of transport. CC: See next comment "transport to" is too restrictive for all the scenarios out there.

DS: Would the above change negate the need for "Other Medical Needs Transport"? I'm a little fuzzy on what that choice means. Could you clarify?

CC: "Other medical needs transport" basically is intended to mean any other reason for medical transport other than for hospital-to-hospital or 911/emergency response. This would include transport to, transport from, transport between, transport home and any other possibility that could possibly occur. I'm not totally psyched about the label for this element as it feels awkward and is not as immediately clear to providers as I would like it, so if you have any ideas to improve that please share!

DS (2/14): My thought on these two items is that I'd like Type of Service Requested to "set up" Reason for Transport by which I mean, have a choice in here which makes it obvious that Reason for Transport must now be documented. It seems like Reason for Transport is an extension of this element. Would you agree with that?

Could changing the name from "Reason for Transport" to "Reason for Medical Needs Transport" or "Type of Medical Needs Transport" help to close that gap?

Reason for Transport vs eDisposition.21 Type of Destination

DS (2/14): I’m wondering about “Type of Destination” versus “Reason for Transport” (both copied here for convenience). I feel like these two elements may be not quite “agreeing” with each other. Does that make sense?

- “Return Home” could refer to any of Home, Assisted Living Facility, Mental Health Facility, Nursing Home. Would you consider changing the label to “Return Home / Current Residence”.
- I’m not quite clear what “Extended Care” means. I read it as Nursing Home / Assisted Living Facility. Are there other meanings for it? Or is “Return Home” intended to only have “Home” as destination and “Extended Care” to
- Would you mind clarifying if all of the Reason for Transport options have a “landing place” in Type of Destination? The ones in pink below I’m not sure which option to select. Would you consider adding “Other Specialty Care Center” and “Other Extended Care” as options?
 - Surgical Specialty Care → Clinic? Other? Other Specialty Care?
 - Trauma / Orthopedic Specialty Care → Clinic? Other? Other Specialty Care?
 - Palliative/Hospice Care → Clinic? Other? Other Extended Care?
- Should “Drug and Alcohol Rehabilitation Facility” be “Drug and/or Alcohol Rehabilitation Facility”? I’m not sure if they are always the same.

Reason for Transport	Type of Destination
Convenience Transfer (Patient Request)	Home
Diagnostic Testing	Hospital-Emergency Department
Dialysis	Hospital-Non-Emergency Department Bed
Drug and Alcohol Rehabilitation Care	Clinic
Extended Care	Morgue/Mortuary
Medical Specialty Care (Other, Not Listed)	<i>Nursing Home/Assisted Living Facility</i>
Neurological Specialty Care	Other
Palliative/Hospice Care (Home or Facility)	Other EMS Responder (air)
Pediatric Specialty Care	Other EMS Responder (ground)
Psychiatric/Behavioral Care	Urgent Care
Physical Rehabilitation Care	Freestanding Emergency Department
Return Home	Dialysis Center
Surgical Specialty Care (Other, Not Listed)	Diagnostic Services
Trauma / Orthopedic Specialty Care	Assisted Living Facility
	Mental Health Facility
	Nursing Home
	Other Recurring Care Center
	Physical Rehabilitation Facility
	Drug and Alcohol Rehabilitation Facility

eDisposition.30 Transport Disposition

-Most of a NEMSIS record is currently built around "this unit" where the unit may or may not have a vehicle depending on how the state or agency defines a unit. Does that jive with your understanding? In light of that, I'd recommend changing the descriptions to refer to "Agency's Vehicle." We use "unit" in other areas of the dataset to refer to the vehicle (e.g. Unit number), so use of unit here would be consistent with other uses of "Unit"

DS (2/14): I'm somewhat remembering a NEMSIS discussion before where it came up that a unit does not necessarily mean a vehicle. Something about if a crew member stays with the patient while the ambulance goes somewhere else, the patient is still under the unit's care. Does that jive with your understanding? The element you mentioned seems to support that, named as: EMS Vehicle (Unit) Number (eResponse.13) and EMS Unit Call Sign (eResponse.14).

Karen: Do you have any thoughts on this?