# Boot Camp 2021: Utilization of Defined Lists in v3.5



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## **Process of Suggested to Defined Lists**

- 2016: NEMSIS TAC developed "suggested lists" of codes for elements utilizing standards developed by national organizations.
- Lists were organized in a hierarchical fashion, in two-steps (parent and child codes), promoting software developers to utilize code "drill-downs" for ease of use.
- Use of suggested lists was not mandatory and uptake was sporadic.
- 2019: NEMSIS TAC evaluated the codes included in the suggested lists, by comparing them to codes actually submitted in 2018 through mid-2019 (36 million records) and revised the 2016 suggested lists to reflect the most commonly used codes.



### Development

- A work-group consisting of the NEMSIS TAC, State EMS Data Managers, and stakeholders participated in the Spring 2020 v3 Implementation meetings to discuss and approve a process to require the use of the 2019 Suggested Lists.
- Of the 22 NEMSIS v3 elements utilizing standardized terminology code sets, nine elements have no associated list but implement defined code patterns to implement lists such as ICD-10-CM, SNOMED-CT, RxNorm, and LOINC\*.
- For the remaining 13 elements, suggested value lists become "defined" (i.e., "Required Use").



\*See <a href="https://www.nlm.nih.gov/healthit/index.html">https://www.nlm.nih.gov/healthit/index.html</a> for more information on HHS Clinical Terminology Standards.

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### **Defined Lists**

- Refined the suggested list of values to those most often used.
- Defined lists must be presented to the clinician at the time of patient care documentation.
- Improve the accuracy of documentation by eliminating obscure, redundant and frivolous values.

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	Airport	Y92.520	Airport
	Gym	Y92.39	Gymnasium
	Industrial/construction area	Y92.6	Industrial and construction area
	Place of business, NOS	Y92.5	Trade and service area
	Restaurant/café	Y92.511	Restaurant or café
	Store	Y92.51	Private commercial establishments
	Warehouse	Y92.59	Warehouse

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## Implementation

- These defined lists are expected to be presented to clinicians in the EMS field software's graphical interface.
- Values outside of defined lists are allowed through existing defined code patterns.
- Standard code "roll-ups" are provided by the NEMSIS TAC allowing all reported codes at the National and State-levels to be properly aggregated for performance assessment and research purposes.



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Lists are designed to include greater than 90% of needed codes to document a patient encounter. Agencies can build upon these lists, if

They are not intended to capture the nuances of localized care from every corner of the nation.

For instance, Colorado will need to reflect ski injuries while California documents more surfing injuries.







## **Hierarchy Structure**

This is a sample of the Defined List codes for Primary and Secondary Impression (eSituation.11 and .12).

General classification More precise description

PARENT	EMS DESCRIPTION	ICD-10 CODE	ICD-10 DESCRIPTION
	Angina (pain related to heart)	120.9	Angina pectoris, unspecified
	Arrhythmia	149.9	Cardiac arrhythmia, unspecified
Cardiovascular	Cardiac arrest	146.9	Cardiac arrest, cause unspecified
	Chest pain, NOS	R07.9	Chest pain, unspecified (not angina)
	Myocardial Infarction, NOS	121	Acute myocardial infarction

See complete lists here: https://nemsis.org/technical-resources/version-3/version-3-resources/



### **Elements with Defined Lists**

eProcedures.03 - Procedure

sConfiguration.03 - Procedures Permitted by the State dConfiguration.07 - EMS Agency Procedures

eMedications.03 - Medications Administered sConfiguration.04 - Medications Permitted by the State dConfiguration.09 - EMS Agency Medications

**Symptoms** eSituation.09 – Primary Symptom eSituation.10 - Other Associated Symptoms

### Impressions

eSituation.11 - Provider's Primary Impression eSituation.12 - Provider's Secondary Impressions

Causes of Injury (elnjury.01)

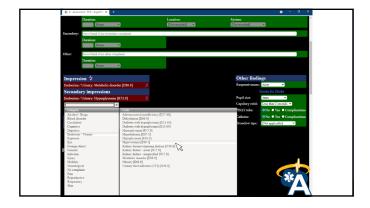
Incident Location Types (eScene.09)

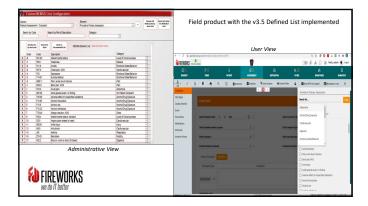


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State/Optional Elements with Suggested Lists	
History eHistory.06 – Medication Allergies eHistory.07 – Environmental/Food Allergies eHistory.08 – Medical/Surgical History	
Activity eSituation.17 – Patient Activity	
No Suggested List: eHistory.12 – Current Medications	
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Impact to Stakeholders	
EMS Clinicians EMS Software Vendors	
Field software products should have a minimal list with a logical hierarchy to select appropriate values for documenting a patient encounter.  State/Territory Offices of EMS      **EMS software vendors will be required to demonstrate that their software can present the Defined Lists during v3.5.0 software compliance testing**.  EMS software vendors will be required to	
<ul> <li>May require training with agencies and field demonstrate their process for an agency or clinicians.</li> <li>state to add a value that is needed for their</li> </ul>	
Not a required addition to the State Schematron. No requirement to modify state validity rules to incorporate Defined Lists. No impact to the new NEMSIS v3.5.0 standard.  Not a required addition to the State Schematron.  NEMSIS will NOT dictate how a software user interface will present codes, but will validate the ability of EMS software to implement	
Defined Lists.  *https://nemsis.org/technical-resources/version-3/v3-compliance/	
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Field Software Examples	

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## **Maintenance Process**

- Review Board
  - o State, Software Vendor, Clinician
- Frequency
- Automation
- Education/Support Materials



# Resources

fined Lists for Required Elements: https://nemsis.org/technical-resources/version-3/version-3-resources

### Informational

- Suggested to Defined Lists General Overview: https://nemsis.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/04/NEMSIS-Suggested-to-Defined-Lists-General-Overview 04.2021v4.pptx
- Suggested to Defined Lists Info-Sheet: <a href="https://nemsis.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/04/Suggested-lists-4-22-21c.pdf">https://nemsis.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/04/Suggested-lists-4-22-21c.pdf</a>

### Process

- Outline of the Process Moving NEMSIS Suggested Lists to Defined Lists: <a href="https://nemsis.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/08/Outline-of-Process-moving-NEMSIS-Suggested-Lists-to-Defined-Lists.pdf">https://nemsis.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/08/Outline-of-Process-moving-NEMSIS-Suggested-Lists-to-Defined-Lists.pdf</a>
- Use of Defined Lists for Specific NEMSIS Elements: <a href="https://nemsis.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/08/Use-of-Defined-Lists-for-Specific-NEMSIS-Elements-V2.pdf">https://nemsis.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/08/Use-of-Defined-Lists-for-Specific-NEMSIS-Elements-V2.pdf</a>

### Technical

External Standards Maintenance white paper: Technical aspects of "roll-up" and implementation.



