

WEMSIS Documentation Guidance: Flowcharts for select situations

This document provides guidance on how to document NEMSIS reports for select situations. The guidance below includes suggested entries for these situations, such as when a call is cancelled, when a lift assist is needed, or when a patient has died on scene. EMS services may reach out to their software vendor for options to streamline documentation of these situations.

The suggested entries below were derived from similar flowcharts or the extended data definitions created by NEMSIS. However, the needed documentation may differ depending on the circumstances of the EMS response, or local protocols and definitions. For example, in situation #7 a provider's impression of Cardiac Arrest is suggested, though any other applicable entry may be suitable.

If you have recommendations for additional situations or would like guidance on how to document situations you frequently encounter, please contact us at WEMSIS@doh.wa.gov.

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Situation #1: Cancelled Before Scene

Data Element Name	Data Element Number	Value
Unit Disposition	eDisposition.27	Cancelled Prior to Arrival at Scene
Patient Evaluation/Care	eDisposition.28	Not Applicable
Crew Disposition	eDisposition.29	Not Applicable
Transport Disposition	eDisposition.30	Not Applicable
Level of Care Provided per Protocol	eDisposition.32	Not Applicable

Situation #2: Cancelled After Arrival on Scene

Data Element Name	Data Element Number	Value
Unit Disposition	eDisposition.27	Cancelled on Scene
Patient Evaluation/Care	eDisposition.28	Not Applicable
Crew Disposition	eDisposition.29	Back in Service, No Care/Support Services Required
Transport Disposition	eDisposition.30	Not Applicable
Level of Care Provided per Protocol	eDisposition.32	Not Applicable
Number of Patients at Scene	eScene.06	None

Situation #3: No Patient Found

Data Element Name	Data Element Number	Value
Unit Disposition	eDisposition.27	No Patient Found
Patient Evaluation/Care	eDisposition.28	Not Applicable
Crew Disposition	eDisposition.29	Back in Service, No Care/Support Services Required
Transport Disposition	eDisposition.30	Not Applicable
Level of Care Provided per Protocol	eDisposition.32	Not Applicable
Number of Patients at Scene	eScene.06	None

Situation #4: Patient Treated, Transported by Private Vehicle

Data Element Name	Data Element Number	Value
Unit Disposition	eDisposition.27	Patient Contact Made
Patient Evaluation/Care	eDisposition.28	Patient Evaluated and Care Provided
Crew Disposition	eDisposition.29	Initiated and Continued Primary Care
Transport Disposition	eDisposition.30	Patient Refused Transport
Reason for Refusal/Release	eDisposition.31	Patient/Guardian States Intent to Transport by Other Means
Level of Care Provided per Protocol	eDisposition.32	Not Applicable
Final Patient Acuity	eDisposition.19	Lower Acuity (Green)

Situation #5: Death in the Field - Resuscitation Attempted

Data Element Name	Data Element Number	Value
Unit Disposition	eDisposition.27	Patient Contact Made
Patient Evaluation/Care	eDisposition.28	Patient Evaluated and Care Provided
Final Patient Acuity	eDisposition.19	Dead with Resuscitation Efforts
Type of Service Requested	eResponse.05	Emergency Response (Primary Response Area)
End of EMS Cardiac Arrest Event	eArrest.18	Expired in the Field
Primary/Secondary Symptom(s)	eSituation.09/.10	Cardiac Arrest and/or any other applicable symptoms
Provider's Primary/Secondary Impression(s)	eSituation.11/.12	Obvious Death, Cardiac Arrest, and/or any other applicable impression

Situation #6: DOA - No Resuscitation Attempted

Data Element Name	Data Element Number	Value
Unit Disposition	eDisposition.27	Patient Contact Made
Patient Evaluation/Care	eDisposition.28	Patient Evaluated, No Care Required
Crew Disposition	eDisposition.29	Back in Service, No Care/Support Services Required
Level of Care Provided per Protocol	eDisposition.32	No Care Provided
Final Patient Acuity	eDisposition.19	Dead without Resuscitation Efforts
Type of Service Requested	eResponse.05	Emergency Response (Primary Response Area)

Cardiac Arrest	eArrest.01	Yes, Prior to Any EMS Arrival (includes Transport EMS & Medical First Responders)
Resuscitation Attempted By EMS	eArrest.03	Not Attempted-Considered Futile
Any Return of Spontaneous Circulation	eArrest.12	No
Reason CPR/Resuscitation Discontinued	eArrest.16	Not Applicable
End of EMS Cardiac Arrest Event	eArrest.18	Expired in the Field
Primary/Secondary Symptom(s)	eSituation.09/.10	Cardiac Arrest and/or any other applicable symptoms
Provider's Primary/Secondary Impression(s)	eSituation.11/.12	Obvious Death, Cardiac Arrest, and/or any other applicable impression
Initial Patient Acuity	eSituation.13	Dead without Resuscitation Efforts