

NYS NEMSIS 3.5.0 | Educational Snip #2024-007

eSituation.01, .13, .18, .19, & .20

Q: How has documentation of eSituation fields changed from NEMSIS 3.4 to NEMSIS 3.5?

6 elements were changed from NEMSIS 3.4 to NEMSIS 3.5.

5 of the elements are required in New York State

1 is a NYS recommended element.

Date/Time of Symptom Onset (eSituation.01, validation rule 1365)

This is a required field in NYS and must be documented for each symptom recorded.

In NEMSIS 3.5, new values were added to this field for Pertinent Negatives: 'Unable to Complete' and 'Approximate'.

The format of the date is as follows: mm/dd/yyyy

The format of the time is as follows: hh:mm:ss

Initial Patient Acuity (eSituation.13, validation rule 1377)

This is a required field in NYS. A new value was added to this field.

The list of values for this field is shown below:

- Critical (Red)
- Emergent (Yellow)
- Lower Acuity (Green)
- Dead Without Resuscitation Efforts (Black)
- Non-Acute/Routine

Date/Time Last Known Well (eSituation.18, validation rule 1378)

This is a required field in NYS when primary impression is CVA, which stands for Cerebral Vascular Accident, or TIA, which stands for Transient Ischemic Attack.

In NEMSIS 3.5, a new Pertinent Negative was added: Unable to Complete

Justification for Transfer or Encounter (eSituation.19)

This field is **recommended** in NYS. It is a new element released with NEMSIS 3.5.

This should only be documented when Type of Service Requested (eResponse.05) is Hospital-to-Hospital Transfer, Hospital-to-Hospital Transfer (with Sending Hospital Staff), Hospital-to-Hospital Transfer (Critical or Specialty Care), Other Medical Needs Transport, or Mobile Integrated Health Care Evaluation or Visit.

Reason for Interfacility Transfer/Medical Transport (eSituation.20)

This is a national field. There is no validation rule requiring it in NYS. New elements were added in NEMSIS 3.5.

The full list is shown below:

- Cardiac Specialty
- Convenience Transfer (Patient Request)
- Diagnostic Testing
- Dialysis
- Drug and/or Alcohol Rehabilitation Care
- Extended Care
- Maternal/Neonatal
- Medical Specialty Care (Other, Not Listed)
- Neurological Specialty Care
- Palliative/Hospice Care (Home or Facility)
- Pediatric Specialty Care
- Psychiatric/Behavioral Care
- Physical Rehabilitation Care
- Return to Home/Residence
- Surgical Specialty Care (Other, Not Listed)
- Trauma/Orthopedic Specialty Care