

## eSituation.13 - Initial Patient Acuity

## Definition

The acuity of the patient's condition upon EMS arrival at the scene.

|                   |          |                          |       |
|-------------------|----------|--------------------------|-------|
| National Element  | Yes      | Pertinent Negatives (PN) | No    |
| State Element     | Yes      | NOT Values               | Yes   |
| Version 2 Element |          | Is Nillable              | Yes   |
| Usage             | Required | Recurrence               | 1 : 1 |

## Associated Performance Measure Initiatives

Airway    Cardiac Arrest    Pediatric    STEMI    Stroke    Trauma

## Attributes

**NOT Values (NV)**

7701001 - Not Applicable                      7701003 - Not Recorded

## Code List

| Code    | Description                                |
|---------|--|
| 2813001 | Critical (Red)                             |
| 2813003 | Emergent (Yellow)                          |
| 2813005 | Lower Acuity (Green)                       |
| 2813007 | Dead without Resuscitation Efforts (Black) |
| 2813009 | Non-Acute/Routine                          |

## Data Element Comment

Definitions related to "Critical, Emergent, and Lower Acuity" can be found in the National EMS Core Content document from NHTSA EMS (DOT HS 809-898 July 2005) at <http://www.nhtsa.gov/people/injury/ems/emscorecontent/images/EMSCoreContent.pdf>

Dead without Resuscitation Efforts would be appropriate if resuscitation was initiated by non-EMS personnel but discontinued immediately upon evaluation by first arriving EMS personnel.

"Non-Acute/Routine" added for use with patients with no clinical issues-such as refusal for a life assist-or for routine transfers.

## Version 3 Changes Implemented

With the release of V3.5.0 additional values were added to meet the needs of EMS.

## Associated Validation Rules

| Rule ID     | Level   | Message   |
|-------------|---------|---|
| nemSch_e001 | Error   | When Initial Patient Acuity is empty, it should have a Not Value (Not Applicable, Not Recorded, or Not Reporting, if allowed for the element) or a Pertinent Negative (if allowed for the element), or it should be omitted (if the element is optional). |
| nemSch_e002 | Error   | When Initial Patient Acuity has a Not Value (Not Applicable, Not Recorded, or Not Reporting), it should be empty.   |
| nemSch_e084 | Warning | Initial Patient Acuity should be recorded when Type of Service Requested is "Emergency Response (Primary Response Area)" and Patient Evaluation/Care is "Patient Evaluated and Care Provided".  |