

## 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".