

Pertinent Assessment Findings

1. Presence of thermal or non-thermal burns
2. Evidence of trauma
3. Evidence of focal neurologic deficits

Quality Improvement

Associated NEMSIS Protocol(s) (eProtocol.01) (for additional information, go to www.nemsis.org)

- 9914209 – Injury - Lightning/Lightning Strike

Key Documentation Elements

- Initial airway status
- Initial cardiac rhythm
- Neurologic exam (initial and repeat)
- Associated/secondary injuries
- Pain scale documentation/pain management

Performance Measures

- Cardiopulmonary issues addressed early and documented appropriately
- Patient transported to closest appropriate facility
- Pain scale documented and treated per guidelines (when appropriate)
- ***National EMS Quality Alliance (NEMSQA) Performance Measures*** (for additional information, see www.nemsqa.org)
 - o *Trauma—01: Pain Assessment of Injured Patients*

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