NEMSIS 3.5 Run Dispositions

The Federal Government has updated the Run Disposition fields for all EMS Medical Records. The Run Disposition field will now be broken down into four categories. This is to give a more detailed and accurate account of what the outcome was for each aspect of patient care and if the patient was ultimately transported and by who. This is an explanation of the new categories and what each selection means along with examples that show the old run dispositions and how you would document them in this new system.

Run Disposition	
Unit Disposition	☰
Patient Evaluation/Care Disposition	☰
Crew Disposition	☰
Transport Disposition	☰
Reason For Refusal/Release	☰

Unit Disposition

The patient disposition for an EMS event identifies whether patient contact was made.

Unit Disposition
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*Patient Contact Made
Cancelled Prior to Arrival at Scene
No Patient Contact
No Patient Found
Non-Patient Incident (Not Otherwise Listed)

SELECTIONS:

PATIENT CONTACT MADE:
This crew/unit arrived on the scene and made contact with a patient.

CANCELLED ON SCENE:
This crew/unit arrived on-scene but was cancelled by another unit prior to having any potential
patient contact or providing any services. An example scenario would be a first responder unit
arrives, realizes they have a patient refusal as the transport unit arrives on scene and the first responder unit cancels the transport unit before they can do anything.

CANCELLED PRIOR TO ARRIVAL AT SCENE:
This crew/unit was cancelled before arriving on-scene, therefore it is unknown whether there could have been a patient or not. Unit may be cancelled prior to, or during response.

NO PATIENT CONTACT:
This crew/unit arrived on-scene but this crew/unit made no contact with a patient. Generally, this will mean a patient was present with another unit having patient contact, with this unit not having patient contact. This unit can still be providing rescue and support services to the incident in this case.

NO PATIENT FOUND:
This crew/unit arrived on-scene and looked for a patient, but none was found. The patient may have left the scene, or caller was mistaken and there never was a patient. For example, this unit may have been dispatched to an unconscious person, but arrived to find a college student just taking a nap on the lawn.

NON-PATIENT INCIDENT (NOT OTHERWISE LISTED):
This crew/unit provided some sort of service that did not involve a patient. The definition of a "Patient" is based on state regulations, protocols or local agency policies. This type of incident could be a standby with no patient generated, organ transport, lift or public assist that was truly not a patient, or unit may have provided event command services.

Patient Evaluation/Care

The patient disposition for an EMS event identifying whether a patient was evaluated and care or services were provided.

SELECTIONS:

PATIENT EVALUATED AND CARE PROVIDED:
A patient was present, evaluated, and care was provided by this crew. This is the standard situation where a patient was present and cared for or "treated" without refusal by EMS.

PATIENT EVALUATED AND REFUSED CARE: A patient was present and was evaluated by this crew, but the patient refused care. The patient may or may not be transported in combination with this value.

PATIENT REFUSED EVALUATION/CARE:
A patient was present and refused any evaluation or care by this crew. This value should only be combined with "Patient Refused Transport" or "No Transport."

PATIENT EVALUATED AND NO CARE REQUIRED:
A patient was present and was evaluated by this crew, but no care appeared to be required. Crews would need to evaluate someone in order to determine that no care was required. A classic example would be a patient only requiring a lift assist.

PATIENT SUPPORT SERVICES PROVIDED:
This unit provided support services to another crew/unit providing care. Support services could include extrication, carrying bags or helping to move a patient.

NOT APPLICABLE:
There was no patient per the unit disposition, therefore patient evaluation and care is not applicable.

Patient Evaluation/Care Disposition

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*Patient Evaluated and Care Provided

Not Applicable

Patient Evaluated and Refused Care

Patient Evaluated, No Care Required

Patient Refused Evaluation/Care

Patient Support Services Provided

CREW

The crew disposition for this EMS event identifying which crew provided primary patient care or whether support services were required.

 SELECTIONS:

INITIATED AND CONTINUED CARE:
This crew began to care for this patient with no previous care provided on-scene and did not transfer the care to another unit. Generally, this will be a one-unit response where there is only one crew on the responding unit and no other crew or unit was present. For transfers, "Primary Care" is considered to begin once crew receives responsibility for the patient and any care provided by the sending facility does not qualify as previous care for this value.

Crew Disposition

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*Initiated and Continued Primary Care

Assumed Primary Care from Another EMS Crew

Back in Service, Care/Support Services Refused

Back in Service, No Care/Support Services Required

Incident Support Services Provided (Including Standby)

Initiated Primary Care and Transferred to Another EMS Crew

Provided Care Supporting Primary EMS Crew

INITIATED PRIMARY CARE AND TRANSFERRED TO ANOTHER EMS CREW:
This crew began primary care for this patient with no previous care provided on scene and then transferred the care to another unit.

PROVIDED CARE SUPPORTING PRIMARY EMS CREW:
Another crew started and continued primary care and this unit provided patient care supporting the primary crew's care. For example, first responders arrived at the same time or later than the transport crew and helped provide care, but were not the primary crew in charge of patient care.

ASSUMED PRIMARY CARE FROM ANOTHER EMS CREW:
This crew assumed primary care of a patient that was initiated by another EMS Crew. This would commonly be used by an ALS intercept unit arriving and taking over primary care from a BLS unit.

INCIDENT SUPPORT SERVICES PROVIDED (INCLUDING STANDBY):
This crew/unit provided non-patient care support services to an incident in general or to another unit/crew that is providing patient care. Support services could include extrication, carrying bags or equipment, helping move a patient, standby for police or a fire or fire rehab services where no one rose to the level of a patient.

BACK IN SERVICE, NO CARE OR SUPPORT SERVICES REQUIRED:
This crew/unit is immediately back in service as there was no patient care or support services required of the crew/unit at the incident. This would primarily apply if no patient was found or if unit was cancelled on scene. Revision April 2020 10

BACK IN SERVICE, CARE OR SUPPORT SERVICES REFUSED:
This crew/unit is back in service after patient care or support services were refused despite being offered. No care or support services should be provided; however, an evaluation may have occurred prior to refusal of any care.

NOT APPLICABLE:
The unit was cancelled prior to arrival on scene per the Unit Disposition, therefore this Crew Incident Disposition is Not Applicable.

TRANSPORT

The transport disposition for an EMS event identifying whether a transport occurred and by which unit.

SELECTION:

TRANSPORTED BY THIS EMS UNIT (THIS CREW ONLY): A patient was transported in this crew's
unit by only this crew. This would be a standard ambulance transport. This should also be used
if the crew transports the patient any distance to a helicopter or other EMS ground transport
unit that subsequently transports to the final destination. In this case, the type of destination
for this crew should be "Other EMS Air or Ground".

TRANSPORTED BY THIS EMS UNIT, WITH A MEMBER OF ANOTHER CREW:
A patient was transported in this crew's unit with this crew and member(s) of another crew.
Common uses would be when the primary transport crew needs additional assistance from
another crew during transport or when an intercepting ALS provider is on board.

TRANSPORTED BY ANOTHER EMS UNIT:
The patient was transported, but by another crew/unit. For example, a non-transport unit
providing and transferring care to another crew/unit who then transports the patient. A
destination for the transport should be the listed so the receiving facility can access the non transport
EMS record.

TRANSPORTED BY ANOTHER EMS UNIT, WITH A MEMBER OF THIS CREW:
The patient is transported in another crew's unit with a member of this crew. This would be
used when an ALS intercept provider transports in another crew's unit or this crew provides
additional assistance to the other unit during transport.

PATIENT REFUSED TRANSPORT:
Patient refused EMS transport. This would apply to a standard patient refusal of transport or
when a patient was treated and chose to be transported by law enforcement or private vehicle.

NON-PATIENT TRANSPORT (NOT OTHERWISE LISTED):
A transport occurred but did not include a patient. This could include transport of organs,
special equipment-such as bariatric equipment or an air crew to or from their aircraft without
a patient.

NO TRANSPORT:
No transport of a patient occurred. For example, following a lift assist that did not require a
refusal.

NOT APPLICABLE: There was no patient per the Unit Disposition, and a non-patient transport
did not occur, therefore this value would be Not Applicable.

Transport Disposition

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*Transport by This EMS Unit (This Crew Only)

No Transport

Non-Patient Transport (Not Otherwise Listed)

Not Applicable

Patient Refused Transport

Transport by Another EMS Unit

Transport by Another EMS Unit, with a Member of This Crew

Transport by This EMS Unit, with a Member of Another Crew

Example of the fields in MobileTouch

Treated/Transported

Run Disposition

Unit Disposition	**Patient Contact Made** ✕
Patient Evaluation/Care Disposition	**Patient Evaluated and Care Provided** ✕
Crew Disposition	***Initiated and Continued Care** ✕
Transport Disposition	***Transported by This EMS Unit (This Crew Only)** ✕
Reason For Refusal/Release	☰

Treated/Transferred Care

Run Disposition

Unit Disposition	***Patient Contact Made** ✕
Patient Evaluation/Care Disposition	***Patient Evaluated and Care Provided** ✕
Crew Disposition	**Initiated Primary Care and Transferred to Another EMS Crew** ✕
⚡ Transport Disposition	**Transport by Another EMS Unit** ✕

- **Transferred with member**

Run Disposition

Unit Disposition	**Patient Contact Made** ✕
Patient Evaluation/Care Disposition	**Patient Evaluated and Care Provided** ✕
Crew Disposition	**Initiated Primary Care and Transferred to Another EMS Crew** ✕
Transport Disposition	**Transport by Another EMS Unit, with a Member of This Crew** ✕
Reason for Refusal/Release	☰

Treated/No Transport (AMA)

Run Disposition

Unit Disposition	**Patient Contact Made** ✕
Patient Evaluation/Care Disposition	**Patient Evaluated and Refused Care** ✕
Crew Disposition	**Back in Service, Care/Support Services Refused** ✕
Transport Disposition	**Patient Refused Transport** ✕
Reason for Refusal/Release	**Against Medical Advice**

Treated/No Transport (Per Protocol)

Run Disposition

Unit Disposition	**Patient Contact Made** ✕
Patient Evaluation/Care Disposition	**Patient Evaluated and Care Provided** ✕
Crew Disposition	**Initiated and Continued Primary Care** ✕
Transport Disposition	**No Transport** ✕
Reason for Refusal/Release	**Released Following Protocol Guidelines**

Transported/Refused Care

Run Disposition

Unit Disposition	Patient Contact Made ☒
Patient Evaluation/Care Disposition	Patient Evaluated and Refused Care ☒
Crew Disposition	☰
Transport Disposition	Transport by This EMS Unit (This Crew Only) ☒
Reason for Refusal/Release	Against Medical Advice

Reason for Refusal: Select per Scenario

No Transport/Refused Care

Run Disposition

Unit Disposition	Patient Contact Made ☒
Patient Evaluation/Care Disposition	Patient Refused Evaluation/Care ☒
Crew Disposition	Back in Service, Care/Support Services Refused ☒
Transport Disposition	Patient Refused Transport ☒
Reason for Refusal/Release	Against Medical Advice

Patient Refusal

Run Disposition

Unit Disposition	*Patient Contact Made ☒
Patient Evaluation/Care Disposition	Patient Evaluated and Refused Care ☒
Crew Disposition	Back in Service, Care/Support Services Refused ☒
⚡ Transport Disposition	No Transport ☒
Reason For Refusal/Release	Against Medical Advice

Pronouncement / DOA without Resuscitation

Run Disposition

Unit Disposition			*Patient Contact Made ☒
Patient Evaluation/Care Disposition			Patient Evaluated, No Care Required ☒
Crew Disposition			Back in Service, No Care/Support Services Required ☒
⚡ Transport Disposition			No Transport ☒
Reason For Refusal/Release			Released Following Protocol Guidelines
Deceased Patient	Dead on Arrival	Dead after Arrival	Not Applicable

Pronouncement / DOA with Resuscitation

Run Disposition

Unit Disposition			*Patient Contact Made ☒
Patient Evaluation/Care Disposition			*Patient Evaluated and Care Provided ☒
Crew Disposition			*Initiated and Continued Primary Care ☒
⚡ Transport Disposition			No Transport ☒
Reason For Refusal/Release			Released Following Protocol Guidelines
Deceased Patient	Dead on Arrival	Dead after Arrival	Not Applicable

Public Assist - Support Services Provided/Public Safety, Fire, EMS Operations Support Provided

Run Disposition	
Unit Disposition	No Patient Contact ×
Patient Evaluation/Care Disposition	Patient Support Services Provided ×
Crew Disposition	Incident Support Services Provided (Including Standby) ×
Transport Disposition	Not Applicable ×
Reason for Refusal/Release	☰

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Public Assist – Standby, organ transport, lift or public assist, provided event command services.

Run Disposition	
Unit Disposition	Non-Patient Incident (Not Otherwise Listed) ×
Patient Evaluation/Care Disposition	Not Applicable ×
Crew Disposition	Back in Service, No Care/Support Services Required ×
Transport Disposition	Not Applicable ×
Reason for Refusal/Release	☰

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Canceled on Scene

Run Disposition	
Unit Disposition	Cancelled on Scene ×
Patient Evaluation/Care Disposition	☰
Crew Disposition	Back in Service, No Care/Support Services Required ×
Transport Disposition	☰
Reason for Refusal/Release	☰

No Patient found

Run Disposition	
Unit Disposition	No Patient Found ×
Patient Evaluation/Care Disposition	☰
Crew Disposition	Back in Service, No Care/Support Services Required ×
Transport Disposition	☰
Reason for Refusal/Release	☰

No Patient Contact

Run Disposition	
Unit Disposition	No Patient Contact ×
Patient Evaluation/Care Disposition	☰
Crew Disposition	Incident Support Services Provided (Including Standby) ×
Transport Disposition	☰
Reason for Refusal/Release	☰