

Resolution 2023-02



Resolution Calling for the National EMS Information Systems (NEMSIS) to Update Data Elements and Values, Enabling Appropriate Documentation of Patient Demographics

Whereas, the National Association of State Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Officials' (NASEMSO) adopted *Resolution 2022-02: Prioritization of Diversity Among the EMS Workforce* in Charleston, SC on June 23, 2022; and

Whereas, NASEMSO members continue to declare that patients cared for by all healthcare professionals, including EMS clinicians, are charged with providing compassionate care for all persons without regard to their race, color, religion, gender, gender expression, age, national origin, disability, marital status, sexual orientation, political beliefs, or military status; and

Whereas, disparities in clinical care have been documented not only in EMS, but across the healthcare continuum; and

Whereas, it is imperative that EMS data align itself with the greater healthcare system data standards, specifically those identified in the United State Core Data for Interoperability (USCDI) to ensure continued interoperability and increased integration of EMS data with the overarching healthcare system; and

Whereas, implementing these standardized data elements is imperative to facilitate the highest quality clinical care for all persons interacting with the EMS system; and

Whereas, National EMS Information System (NEMSIS) is the national system used to collect, store and share EMS data from the U.S. States and territories. NEMSIS develops and maintains a national standard for how patient care information resulting from EMS encounters are documented; and

Whereas, observational documentation of race and ethnicity is not the standard in healthcare, it should be reported by the patient when possible; and

Whereas, the current NEMSIS element for race and ethnicity is a combined element that is observational in nature, which does not allow an EMS clinician to appropriately collect information from the patient, nor does it allow for pertinent negatives; and

Whereas, NASEMSO members declare that it is imperative that we collect clinically relevant demographic information regarding the patients that we serve and are charged with protecting, including race, ethnicity, sex assigned at birth, and gender identity; and

Whereas, NASEMSO members acknowledge that there are gaps in education and training for EMS clinicians about obtaining patient demographic information including race, ethnicity, sex assigned at birth, and gender identity;

Now, therefore be it resolved, NASEMSO members request that the NEMSIS Technical Assistance Center (TAC) to adopt the national healthcare standards for documentation of race, ethnicity, sex assigned

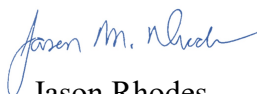
at birth, and gender identity appropriate for EMS clinicians, allowing for true and accurate data and tracking for all EMS patients.

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