



Executive Summary

This update (effective 04/01/2026) provides modifications to the main policy document as well as several attachments. These changes incorporate various updates to the CEMSIS standard, NEMSIS 3.5.1 compliance, OC-MEDS specific elements and values.

Resources

OCEMS Policy 300.31: OC-MEDS Data Dictionary

https://www.ochealthinfo.com/ems/oc-meds/data_dictionary

Data Elements Affected

Date/Time of Cardiac Arrest (eArrest.14) New Pertinent Negative values
Approximate, Unable to Complete

Dispatch Reason (eDispatch.01) New values
Hanging/Strangulation/Asphyxiation, Intoxicated Subject
EMS Requested by Law Enforcement, Active Shooter

Back and Spine Assessment Finding Location (eExam.13) New values
Flank-Left, Flank-Right

Extremities Assessment (eExam.16) New values
Cool/Cold to Touch, Cyanosis, Erythema/Flushing,
Hot/Warm to Touch, Lividity, Mottled, Pale

Chest Assessment Finding Location (eExam.24) Deprecated “posterior” values modified to maintain continuity, but are NOT required for compliance.
Left – Posterior (itExam.101.002)
Right – Posterior (itExam.101.004)

Chest Assessment (eExam.25) Deprecated value: Tenderness-General

Alcohol/Drug Use Indicators (eHistory.17) New values:
Bystander/Family Reports Drug Use
Bystander/Family Reports Alcohol Use



Medication Administered by Another Unit (eMedications.13) New element, not yet in use by OC-MEDS. Usage is not required. May be considered for future deployment.

Incident Facility Code (eScene.10) New and modified values, Att 2

Incident Facility or Location Name (eScene.13) New and modified values, Att 2

Destination/Transferred To, Name (eDisposition.01) New and modified values, Att 2

Destination/Transferred To, Code (eDisposition.02) New and modified values, Att 2

Crew Level / Type of Person Administering Medication (eMedications.10) relabeled from “Role/Type of Person Administering Medication” to show the appropriate linkage with Crew Member Level (eCrew.02) and NOT Crew Member Response Role (eCrew.03); removed value = Student (9905029).

Crew Level / Type of Person Performing Procedure (eProcedures.10) relabeled from “Role/Type of Person Performing Procedure” to show the appropriate linkage with Crew Member Level (eCrew.02) and NOT Crew Member Response Role (eCrew.03); removed value = Student (9905029).

Crew Member Level (eCrew.02) The value = Student (9925031) has been modified to indicate that it’s use should only occur when the student is not licensed at any level. The value now reads, “Student (not licensed)”.

Type of Work-Related Injury, Death or Suspected Exposure (eOther.06) New values:

- Violence-Offensive, Intimidating, or Hateful Language
- Violence-Physical Threat, or Threatening Behavior
- Violence-Physical Attack or Attempt to Attack
- Violence-Unwelcome Sexual Attention, Remarks, Jokes or Gestures
- Violence-Unwanted Touching of a Sexual Nature
- Struck by Vehicle Along Roadway

Patient Age (ePatient.15) Pertinent Negative value added, Approximate

Patient Gender (ePatient.13) Relabeled as Patient Gender/Sex and remains a Required element. OC-MEDS makes no distinction between gender and sex, nor contains any reference to a patient’s “gender identity” or promotes any “gender ideology.” As such the documentation of this important patient demographic should continue to be based on the patient’s biological status as capable of determination in a normal patient-provider interaction.



Patient Sex (ePatient.25) New Optional element to support provider agencies submitting data to OC-MEDS from their own third-party PCRS. Non-OC-MEDS PCRS may use ePatient.25, but ONLY in redundancy to ePatient.13. See notes on ePatient.13.

Airway Placement Technique (eProcedures.14) New element, but not used in OC-MEDS due to redundancy with existing eProcedure.03 values. Agencies submitting data to OC-MEDS are required to continue using the defined values for eProcedures.03 (Att 4) and may use ePatient.14 ONLY in redundancy to eProcedures.03.

Procedure Performed by Another Unit (eProcedures.15) New element, not yet in use by OC-MEDS. Usage is not required. May be considered for future deployment.

Type of Response Delay (eResponse.09) Added value, Out of Service Area Response

Transferred Patient/Care To/From Agency (eScene.25) New element, not yet in use by OC-MEDS. Agencies submitting data to OC-MEDS are required to continue using itDisposition.032 & 034, and may use eScene.25 ONLY in redundancy to those elements.

Date/Time Last Known Well (eSituation.18) New Pertinent Negative, Approximate

Stoke Scale Score (eVitals.34) New element, not yet in use by OC-MEDS, and not to be confused with Stroke Scale Results (eVitals.29), which is labeled in OC-MEDS as a “score”. Agencies submitting data to OC-MEDS are required to continue using eVitals.29, and may use eVitals.34 ONLY in redundancy to eVitals.29.

Various elements affected by NEMSIS 3.5.1 attribute modifications. See NEMSIS for information. <https://nemsis.org/technical-resources/version-3/version-3-data-dictionaries/>

Attachments Updated

Att 1 – Data Element List

Att 2 – Facilities List

Att 3 – EMS Provider Agencies

Att 4 – Procedures

Att 5 – Medications Given

Att 6 – Cause of Injury

Att 9 – Impressions