NEMSIS & Georgia Resources

- NEMSIS GA State Page
  - Resources available on this page:
    - GA Change Log (Data Managers and ePCR vendors are requested to review this)
    - GA Facilities Excel Spreadsheet
    - GA Validity Rule Excel Spreadsheet (the full definition and description of each validation rule number can be found in this spreadsheet)
    - GA Data Dictionary
    - GA State Data Set
    - Schematron File

- NEMSIS Version 3.4 Data Dictionary
Information Covered in this Document

- Upcoming Validation Rules
- Current Issues with Validation Rules and Data Submissions
- Last Known Well Time Data Element Explanation
- Expectations of EMS Agencies and ePCR Vendors
- NOT Values Description Definitions
GA Rule 988 – Rule revised to only trigger when the temperature method is not recorded when the vitals were taken by this unit - so vitals taken before this EMS unit arrives are excluded from this rule.

Temperature Method (evitals.25) is required when recording temperature.

Points: 5

Error Message: Temperature Method (evitals.25) is required when recording temperature.

Notes: 

Level: State

Schematize Export: Yes = Warning

Closed Call: Yes No

Active: Yes No

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Ground Ambulance Transports require a minimum of 2 medics (eCrew.02)

Points: 5

Error Message: Ground Ambulance Transports require a minimum of 2 medics.

Notes: 

Level: State

Schematize Export: Yes = Error

Closed Call: Yes No

Active: Yes No

GA Rule 1678 – Rule revised to only include ground transports with patient transport. Revised rule published on 3/23/2021
GA Rule 1679 – Rule revised to only include ground transports with patient transport. Revised rule published on 3/23/2021

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GA Rule 2328 – Rule revised; changed point value to 1. Revised rule published on 3/23/2021
GA Rule 2410 – Rule revised; removed Pertinent Negatives (PN) and Not Values (NV). Revised rule published on 3/23/2021

GA Rule 2514 – Rule revised to only trigger when the temperature method is not recorded when the vitals were taken by this unit - so vitals taken before this EMS unit arrives are excluded from this rule. Rule set to “Error” level effective 1/1/2021. Revised rule published on 3/23/2021

GA Rule 2392 – **New rule set to “Error” level effective 6/30/2021**. Rule published on 10/9/2020

GA Rule 2397 – **New rule set to “Error” level effective 6/30/2021.** Rule published on 10/9/2020

GA Rule 2411 – **New rule set to “Error” level effective 6/30/2021.** Rule published on 10/9/2020

**Rule revised** to remove Pertinent Negatives (PN) and Not Values (NV). Revised rule published on 3/23/2021

CURRENT ISSUES WITH VALIDATION RULES AND DATA SUBMISSIONS
Previous Validation Rule only required if the unit made it on scene, Validation Rule 1670 changed on 5/1/20 to be required on ALL Responses

All responses are required to have a county listed for response location

This is not just for stroke patient documentation!
NOTES

• Just because NEMSIS allows something in schema does NOT mean that the value are accepted in all situations
  o Optional for the NEMSIS XML file does NOT necessarily mean Optional for state submission
Expectations of EMS Agencies

- EMS Agencies are ultimately **responsible** for accurate and timely data submission
- EMS Agencies are **responsible** for educating their medics on all validation rules
- EMS Agencies are **responsible** to make sure that Schematron updates/validation rules are applied in a timely manner
- EMS Agencies are **responsible** for making sure that your ePCR vendor has applied the validation rules prior to go live date
- EMS Agencies **must** use the correct GA facilities codes
- ePCR forms must NOT show “Not Recorded” or “Not Reporting” for medics to click on
- All ePCRs should be sent on a continuous basis throughout the day within 24 hours of call completion
- Agencies using GEMSIS Elite (Direct Entry) must create and post the incident within 24 hours of call completion
- While labels of values/elements may change – the definition of the field may NOT

Expectations of ePCR Vendors

- Apply Schematron updates in a timely manner (validation rules) to your ePCR system
- Use the correct GA facilities codes and agency IDs
- Must NOT default answers for the medics or agencies
- ePCR vendors must be completely NEMSIS 3.4 compliant **NOW**
- ePCR vendors must be completely NEMSIS 3.5 compliant before 1/1/2022
- ePCR forms must NOT show “Not Recorded” or “Not Reporting” for medics to click on
- All ePCR forms must show validation rule error messages to the medics
- All ePCRs should be sent on a continuous basis throughout the day within 24 hours of call completion.
- While labels of values/elements may change – the definition of the field may NOT
NEMSIS Version 3.5.0 Coming Soon!

- NEMSIS Homepage: [www.nemsis.org](http://www.nemsis.org)

- NEMSIS 3.5.0 Data Dictionary

- More information on transition and timelines will be communicated with EMS Agencies once finalized.