

Initial and Final Patient Acuity Definitions

Initial Acuity (eSituation.13)	
Acuity Level	Definition
Red (Critical)	Patient presents with symptoms of a potentially life-threatening illness or injury with a high probability of death if immediate intervention is not begun to prevent further airway, respiratory, hemodynamic and/or neurologic instability
Yellow (Emergent)	Patient presents with symptoms of an illness or injury that may progress in severity or result in complications with a high probability of death if treatment is not begun quickly
Green (Lower Acuity)	Patient presents with symptoms of an illness or injury that have a low probability of progression to a more serious disease or development of complication
Dead without Resuscitation Efforts (Black)	Dead without Resuscitation Efforts would be appropriate if resuscitation was initiated by non-EMS personnel but discontinued
Non-Acute/Routine	"Non-Acute/Routine" added for use with patients with no clinical issues-such as refusal for a life assist-or for routine transfers
Final Patient Acuity (eDisposition.19)	
Red (Critical)	Patient presents with symptoms of a potentially life-threatening illness or injury with a high probability of death if immediate intervention is not begun to prevent further airway, respiratory, hemodynamic and/or neurologic instability
Yellow (Emergent)	Patient presents with symptoms of an illness or injury that may progress in severity or result in complications with a high probability of death if treatment is not begun quickly
Green (Lower Acuity)	Patient presents with symptoms of an illness or injury that have a low probability of progression to a more serious disease or development of complication
Dead without Resuscitation Efforts (Black)	Dead without Resuscitation Efforts would be appropriate if resuscitation was initiated by non-EMS personnel but discontinued
Dead with Resuscitation Efforts (Black)	"Dead with Resuscitation Efforts (Black)" added for EMS units that arrived and provided resuscitation to a critical patient, but who was deceased at the end of the event (such as in a cardiac arrest).
Non-Acute/Routine	"Non-Acute/Routine" added for use with patients with no clinical issues-such as refusal for a life assist-or for routine transfers