Prehospital Patient Care Reporting
FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Q 1: When do ambulance services need to comply with the new ePCR reporting requirements?
You are required to report ePCR data to the Oregon EMS Information System (OR-EMSIS) by January 1, 2019.

Q 2: What if we cannot report our data by the deadline?
A waiver application will be made available by OHA-EMS in the Fall of 2018. Ambulance services can complete the form and request a waiver. Under most circumstances where an ambulance service documents barriers to reporting, a waiver request will be approved.

Q 3: Will the waiver process for electronic patient care reporting end?
A waiver for electronic patient care reporting and the waiver process will no longer be available to services as of December 31, 2021.

Q 4: Are there any resources available to assist our agency with reporting ePCR data?
Yes. The Oregon Health Authority will work with ambulance services to document needs for technical assistance, administrative support and financial support. The OHA will work with ambulance services to develop a workplan that includes resources necessary to allow agency service to become compliant with statute.

Q 5: If a service only provides occasional transports or rendezvous does statute require ePCR reporting?
Yes. Every licensed EMS service must report ePCR data in every instance where patient contact is initiated, including rendezvous calls.

Q 6: May a non-licensed ambulance service report ePCR data?
Yes. A non-licensed ambulance service may report ePCR data to OR-EMSIS. However, a non-licensed EMS service must comply with all the same rules as the licensed ambulance service [reference OAR 333-250-0310(2)].

Q 7: How do I report data to OR-EMSIS?
You must use ePCR software that is certified compliant with the National EMS Information System (NEMSIS) version 3 data standard. NEMSIS 3 ePCR systems have the ability to automatically transfer data to the state system. The state also provides an ePCR system free of charge that agencies may use directly.

Q 8: I’m still using paper, what do I do?
Switch to ePCR software by either purchasing a NEMSIS 3 compliant system or using the system provided by Oregon and Contact Nathan Jarrett at (971) 673-0527 or via email at nathan.jarrett@state.or.us to get information on how to begin using the OREMSIS system.
Q 9: Is my vendor supported?
The best way to find out, is to contact your vendor directly and ask them, are you NEMSIS V3 compliant?

Q 10: Where can I get information on supported vendors?
Refer to the list of products in the “Compliant Software for EMS Agencies” section of this page of the NEMSIS web site: https://nemsis.org/technical-resources/version-3/v3-compliant-software-and-compliance-testing-status/ or contact vendors directly.

Q 11: How do I access outcome data?
The state has been putting mechanisms in place for hospital outcome data to be attached to patient care reports in the state system. Please contact the Oregon Health Authority for a guidance document on retrieving hospital outcome data.