



## Prehospital Patient Care Reporting Frequently Asked Questions

### **Q 1: Does my ambulance service need to report ePCR data?**

All EMS transporting agencies were required to report ePCR data to the Oregon EMS Information System (OR-EMSIS) as of January 1, 2019.

### **Q 2: 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 3: May a non-licensed ambulance service report ePCR data?**

Yes. A non-licensed ambulance service may report ePCR data to OR-EMSIS. Non-licensed EMS agencies reporting to OR-EMSIS must comply with all the same rules as the licensed ambulance service [reference OAR 333-250-0310(2).]

### **Q 4: How do I report data to OR-EMSIS?**

You must use ePCR software that is certified compliant with the current National EMS Information System (NEMSIS) data standard. Oregon is in the process of transitioning to NEMSIS 3.5. The state also provides a fully featured ImageTrend Elite ePCR system free of charge that agencies may use directly. If you choose to use a 3<sup>rd</sup> party ePCR. NEMSIS 3.5 ePCR systems have the ability to automatically transfer data to the state system.

### **Q 5: Are there any resources available to assist our agency with reporting ePCR data?**

Yes. The Oregon EMS & Trauma Systems program will work with ambulance services to support compliance with statute. See contact information below.

### **Q 6: I'm still using paper, what do I do?**

Switch to ePCR software by either purchasing a NEMSIS 3.5 compliant system or using the system provided by Oregon. See contact information below.

### **Q 7: Is my vendor supported?**

The best way to find out, is to contact your vendor directly and ask them, are you NEMSIS V3 compliant? 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 8: 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 EMS & Trauma Systems program information on retrieving hospital outcome data.

Contact Oregon EMS & Trauma Systems program at [EMS.Trauma@dhsosha.state.or.us](mailto:EMS.Trauma@dhsosha.state.or.us).