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## **SECTION B: REQUIRED VARIABLES FOR DOWNLOAD TO THE STATE REGISTRY Updated January 1, 2016**

### **2016 Update Summary**

**A. Triage - 1 New Code: PELV**

- Suspected pelvic fractures with instability

**B. Alternate Home Residence – Retired 1 code: FV (Foreign Visitor)**

**C. Age Units – 1 New Code: X (Minutes)**

**D. Systolic Blood Pressure at Assessment (initial ED/Hosp) – Added additional information**

- Measurement recorded must be without the assistance of CPR or any type of mechanical chest compression device. For those patients who are receiving CPR or any type of mechanical chest compressions, report the value obtained while compressions are paused.

**E. Pulse Rate (initial ED/Hospital) – Added additional information**

- Measurement recorded must be without the assistance of CPR or any type of mechanical chest compression device. For those patients who are receiving CPR or any type of mechanical chest compressions, report the value obtained while compressions are paused.

**F. Alcohol Evident – Added additional information**

- Blood alcohol concentration (BAC) may be documented at any facility, unit, or setting treating this patient event.

**G. ICD-9/10 Diagnoses – Added additional information**

- null value “NA” is used if not coding ICD-9/10

**H. ICD-9/10 Procedures – Added additional information**

- null value “NA” is used if not coding ICD-9/10

**I. ICD-9/10 External Cause Codes– Added additional information**

- null value “NA” is used if not coding ICD-9/10

**J. ICD-10 Place of Occurrence External Cause Code–** *Added additional information*

- null value “NA” is used if not coding ICD10

**K. Comorbidity Conditions -** *Added additional information*

- For any Co-Morbid Condition to be valid there must be a diagnosis noted in the patient medical record that meets the definition noted in “Glossary of Terms”

*Updated definitions (see glossary of terms under Comorbidity):*

ETOH  
DEM  
ABUSE

**L. Hospital Complications –**

Field Values

*Retired:*

FAIL: Graft or prosthesis or flap failure  
PNEU: Pneumonia  
UTI: Urinary Tract Infection  
CATH: Catheter-related bloodstream infection

*Added:*

CAUTI: Catheter-associated urinary tract infection  
CLABSI: Central line-associated bloodstream infection  
VAP: Ventilator-associated pneumonia

*Updated definition:* ARF (acute kidney injury), OSTEO (osteomyelitis)

*Changed title:* “Deep Vein Thrombosis/thrombophlebitis” to: “Deep Vein Thrombosis”

*Changed title:* “Cardiac arrest with resuscitative efforts by healthcare provider” to:  
“Cardiac arrest with CPR”

**M. Body Region of Injury –** Modified definition/added notes

EXT – External, ~~burns or other trauma~~: Includes all superficial injuries and external burns, lacerations, contusions and abrasions, independent of their location on the body surface

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## Facility ID (INSTITUTE\_NO)

**Definition:** A code for medical facilities. The codes assigned for each facility are maintained by the CDPHE for the Colorado Trauma Registry. The code entered for this variable represents the facility referred to as the “Trauma Center of Record” throughout this document.

**Values:** For facilities in Colorado, codes are in the form Lnnmm, where "L" is a letter, "nn" is a county code, and "mm" is sequential within a county.

For out-of-state facilities, codes are in the form XLLnn, where "X" is an X, "LL" is the state postal code, and "nn" is sequential within a state.

**Examples:**

F1604	= The Children's Hospital, Denver, CO
E3101	= Weisbord Memorial Hospital, Eads, CO
C4902	= Snowmass Clinic, Snowmass Village, CO
W4302	= Olathe Medical Clinic, Olathe, CO
XNM02	= San Juan Regional Medical Center, Farmington, NM
XUT01	= Allen Memorial Hospital, Moab, UT

**Notes:** A list of facilities and codes is found in Appendix I.

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## Trauma Case Identification Number (TRACKING\_NO)

**Definition:** A number that distinguishes this trauma case from all other trauma cases within a facility.

**Values:** Usually integers, but a returning case may have a number after the decimal point.

**Examples:** If a case is coded as 993, and the patient is readmitted for the same injury or for complications of the initial admission, the readmission should be coded as 993.1 rather than being assigned a new trauma case identification number (integer). Add “.2”, “.3”, etc. for each subsequent readmission related to this injury event.

<b>Data Type:</b>	Number	<b>Format:</b>	Double
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**Definition:** The hospital's identification code for the patient's medical record.  
**Values:** The format and appropriate values vary for each hospital (see examples below).  
 This variable should not contain the values "NONE" or "B".

The medical record number should correspond to the number you would submit to medical records if you wanted to review the patient's medical records from this hospitalization or ED visit.



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## Patient's Last Name (Name\_LAST)

**Definition:** Patient's last name as it appears on the medical record.

**Examples:** Smith  
Harrison-Klein

**Notes:** If the person has an alias, write "Last Name 1" AKA "Last Name 2" (for example, Smith AKA Brown)

**Data Type:** Text      **Format:**      **Length** 2

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## Patient's First Name (Name\_FIRST)

**Definition:** Patient's first name as it appears on the medical record.

**Examples:** John  
Susan

**Notes:** If the person has an alias, write "First Name 1" AKA "First Name 2" (for example, John AKA Jake)

**Data Type:** Text      **Format:**      **Length** 20

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## Patient's Middle Name (Name\_MI)

**Definition:** Patient's middle name or middle initial as it appears on the medical record.

**Examples:** D  
J

**Notes:** If the patient uses terms such as Jr., Sr, III, etc. with their name, enter that here.

Do not include a period (".") after the initial. If the patient does not have a middle name or if the middle name is unknown, enter "UNK". Do not enter "NOT", "NA", "NMI", "NONE", "ND", etc.

**Data Type:** Text      **Format:**      **Length** 20

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## Patient's Street Address of Residence (Address)

**Definition:** Patient's street address, post office box number, rural route number, or the highway contract route number.

**Values:** Periods after abbreviations are not necessary in addresses.  
Indicate whether it's N (North), E (East), S (South), or W (West).  
Include Room (Rm), Suite (Ste), or Apartment (Apt) number.

**Abbreviations:**

Street	= St	Road	= Rd	Lane	= Ln
Avenue	= Ave	Circle	= Cir	Place	= Pl
Drive	= Dr	Court	= Ct	Way	= Way

**Related Variables:** Patient's City, County, Zip Code and State of Residence

**Examples:** 450 S Clinton St, Apt 4C  
PO Box 786 [A street address, if available, is preferable to a PO Box]  
6500 County Rd 128  
10254 S Highway 83 [for a state highway, just say highway]  
3116 N US Highway 287

**References:** US Postal Service Addressing Standards:  
<https://www.usps.com/business/web-tools-apis/address-information.htm>

**Data Type:** Text      **Format:**      **Length** 75

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## Patient's City of Residence (RES\_CITY)

**Definition:** Patient's city of residence.

**Values:** When the data is downloaded to CDPHE, the whole city name must be spelled out.  
NA = Not applicable  
UNK = Unknown

**Related Variables:** Patient's Address, Zip Code, County and State of Residence

**Examples:** Colorado Springs                      Grand Junction  
Glenwood Springs                      Fort Morgan  
e.g. Invalid: "Grand Jct, CO"

**Notes:** When counting cases by city name, it is necessary to have consistency. In a data base, "Colo Spgs", "CS", "C Spgs" "Colo Springs", and "Colorado Spgs" are considered different city names. Please be consistent in how you enter city names at your facility.

**Data Type:** Text                      **Format:** Length 50

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## Patient's Zip Code of Residence (ZIP\_CODE)

**Definition:** Zip Code of the patient's residence

**Values:** 5-digit zip code  
NA = Not applicable  
UNK = Unknown or not documented

**Related Variables:** Patient's Address, City, County and State of Residence

**Examples:** Most places have just one 5-digit zip code: for example, the town of Ouray is 81427. Larger cities may have more than one zip code. Also, zip codes may overlap city/county boundaries, so the same zip code may apply to more than one city or county.

**References:** The US Postal Service address-lookup web page will give you the zip code for any valid address:  
<https://www.usps.com/business/web-tools-apis/address-information.htm>

**Note:** If the street address and city are available, use the USPS website above to obtain the appropriate zip code.

**Data Type:** Text                      **Format:** Length 10

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## Patient's State of Residence (RES\_STATE)

**Definition:** Patient's state of residence.

**Values:** Two-letter US Postal abbreviation

AL = Alabama	KY = Kentucky	ND = North
Dakota		
AK = Alaska	LA = Louisiana	OH = Ohio
AZ = Arizona	ME = Maine	OK =
Oklahoma		
AR = Arkansas	MD = Maryland	OR = Oregon
CA = California	MA = Massachusetts	PA =
Pennsylvania		
CO = Colorado	MI = Michigan	RI = Rhode
Island		
CT = Connecticut	MN = Minnesota	SC = South
Carolina		
DE = Delaware	MS = Mississippi	SD = South
Dakota		
DC = District of Columbia	MO = Missouri	TN =
Tennessee		
FL = Florida	MT = Montana	TX = Texas
GA = Georgia	NE = Nebraska	UT = Utah
HI = Hawaii	NV = Nevada	VT = Vermont
ID = Idaho	NH = New Hampshire	VA = Virginia
IL = Illinois	NJ = New Jersey	WA =
Washington		
IN = Indiana	NM = New Mexico	WV = West
Virginia		
IA = Iowa	NY = New York	WI = Wisconsin
KS = Kansas	NC = North Carolina	WY = Wyoming
		PR = Puerto
Rico		

NA = Not applicable (patient did not live in the U.S.)

UNK = Unknown or not documented

**Related Variables:** Patient's Zip Code, City and County of Residence

**References:** See: <https://www.usps.com/business/web-tools-apis/address-information.htm>

**Data Type:** Text      **Format:**      **Length** 5

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## Patient's County of Residence (RES\_COUNTY\_STATE)

**Definition:** A code for the Colorado county where the patient lives.

<b>Values:</b>	1 = Adams	23 = Garfield	45 = Otero
	2 = Alamosa	24 = Gilpin	46 = Ouray
	3 = Arapahoe	25 = Grand	47 = Park
	4 = Archuleta	26 = Gunnison	48 = Phillips
	5 = Baca	27 = Hinsdale	49 = Pitkin
	6 = Bent	28 = Huerfano	50 = Prowers
	7 = Boulder	29 = Jackson	51 = Pueblo
	8 = Chaffee	30 = Jefferson	52 = Rio Blanco
	9 = Cheyenne	31 = Kiowa	53 = Rio Grande
	10 = Clear Creek	32 = Kit Carson	54 = Routt
	11 = Conejos	33 = Lake	55 = Saguache
	12 = Costilla	34 = La Plata	56 = San Juan
	13 = Crowley	35 = Larimer	57 = San Miguel
	14 = Custer	36 = Las Animas	58 = Sedgwick
	15 = Delta	37 = Lincoln	59 = Summit
	16 = Denver	38 = Logan	60 = Teller
	17 = Dolores	39 = Mesa	61 = Washington
	18 = Douglas	40 = Mineral	62 = Weld
	19 = Eagle	41 = Moffat	63 = Yuma
	20 = Elbert	42 = Montezuma	80 = Broomfield
	21 = El Paso	43 = Montrose	90 = Denver metro
	22 = Fremont	44 = Morgan	98 = Out-of-State

NA = Not applicable (the patient is not a US resident)

UNK = Unknown or not documented

**Related Variables:** Patient's Zip Code, City and State of Residence

**Notes:** Use "98" if the patient is a U.S. resident but not a Colorado resident.

If the patient is known to live in the metro Denver area, but the exact county is not known, use "90".

If the patient is not a U.S. resident, use "NA".

<b>Data Type:</b>	Text	<b>Format:</b>	Length 3
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## Patient's Home Country (COUNTRY)

**Definition:** A code for the country where the patient lives.

**Values:**

US	United States	DA	Denmark	LI	Liberia		Principe
MX	Mexico	DJ	Djibouti	LY	Libya	SA	Saudi Arabia
CA	Canada	DO	Dominica	LS	Liechtenstein	SG	Senegal
AF	Afghanistan	DR	Dominican Republic	LH	Lithuania	RB	Serbia
AL	Albania			LU	Luxembourg	SE	Seychelles
AG	Algeria	TT	East Timor	MK	Macedonia	SL	Sierra Leone
AN	Andorra	EC	Ecuador	MA	Madagascar	SN	Singapore
AO	Angola	EG	Egypt	MI	Malawi	LO	Slovakia
AC	Antigua and Barbuda	ES	El Salvador	MY	Malaysia	SI	Slovenia
		EK	Equatorial Guinea	MV	Maldives	BP	Solomon Islands
AR	Argentina			ML	Mali		
AM	Armenia	ER	Eritrea	MT	Malta	SO	Somalia
AS	Australia	EN	Estonia	RM	Marshall Islands	SF	South Africa
AU	Austria	ET	Ethiopia			SP	Spain
AJ	Azerbaijan	FJ	Fiji	MR	Mauritania	CE	Sri Lanka
BF	Bahamas	FI	Finland	MP	Mauritius	SU	Sudan
BA	Bahrain	FR	France	FM	Micronesia	NS	Suriname
BG	Bangladesh	GB	Gabon	MD	Moldova	WZ	Swaziland
BB	Barbados	GA	Gambia	MN	Monaco	SW	Sweden
BO	Belarus	GG	Georgia	MG	Mongolia	SZ	Switzerland
BE	Belgium	GM	Germany	MJ	Montenegro	SY	Syria
BH	Belize	GH	Ghana	MO	Morocco	TI	Tajikistan
BN	Benin	GR	Greece	MZ	Mozambique	TW	Taiwan
BT	Bhutan	GJ	Grenada	WA	Namibia	TZ	Tanzania
BL	Bolivia	GT	Guatemala	NR	Nauru	TH	Thailand
BK	Bosnia and Herzegovina	GV	Guinea	NP	Nepal	TO	Togo
		PU	Guinea-	NL	Netherlands	TN	Tonga
BC	Botswana	Bissau		NZ	New Zealand	TD	Trinidad and Tobago
BR	Brazil	GY	Guyana	NU	Nicaragua		
BX	Brunei	HA	Haiti	NG	Niger	TS	Tunisia
BU	Bulgaria	VT	Holy See	NI	Nigeria	TU	Turkey
UV	Burkina Faso	HO	Honduras	NO	Norway	TX	Turkmenistan
BM	Burma	HU	Hungary	MU	Oman	TV	Tuvalu
BY	Burundi	IC	Iceland	PK	Pakistan	UG	Uganda
CB	Cambodia	IN	India	PS	Palau	UP	Ukraine
CM	Cameroon	ID	Indonesia	PM	Panama	AE	United Arab Emirates
CV	Cape Verde	IR	Iran	PP	Papua New Guinea	UK	United Kingdom
CT	Central African Republic	IZ	Iraq				
		EI	Ireland	PA	Paraguay		
CD	Chad	IS	Israel	PE	Peru	UY	Uruguay
CI	Chile	IT	Italy	RP	Philippines	UZ	Uzbekistan
CH	China	JM	Jamaica	PL	Poland	NH	Vanuatu
CO	Colombia	JA	Japan	PO	Portugal	VE	Venezuela
CN	Comoros	JO	Jordan	QA	Qatar	VM	Vietnam
CF	Congo (Brazzaville)	KZ	Kazakhstan	RO	Romania	YM	Yemen
		KE	Kenya	RS	Russia	ZA	Zambia
CG	Congo (Kinshasa)	KR	Kiribati	RW	Rwanda	ZI	Zimbabwe
		KN	Korea, North	SC	Saint Kitts and Nevis	NA	Not applicable
CS	Costa Rica	KS	Korea, South				
IV	Cote d'Ivoire	KU	Kuwait	ST	Saint Lucia	UNK	Unknown
HR	Croatia	KG	Kyrgyzstan	VC	Saint Vincent & Grenadin		
CU	Cuba	LA	Laos				
CY	Cyprus	LG	Latvia	WS	Samoa		
EZ	Czech Republic	LE	Lebanon	SM	San Marino		
		LT	Lesotho	TP	Sao Tome and		

**Notes:** Only complete when the patient's city, county, and zip code of residence are "Not applicable" ("NA").

**Data Type:** Text      **Format:** Length 3

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## Alternate Home Residence (HOME)

**Definition:** Documentation of the type of patient without a home zip code.

**Values:**

HOME=	Homeless
UND=	Undocumented citizen
MI=	Migrant worker
<del>FV=</del>	<del>Foreign visitor</del>
NA=	Not applicable
UNK=	Unknown or not documented

FV variable was retired at the end of 2015

**Notes:** Only complete when ZIP code is 'Not applicable'.

Homeless is defined as a person who lacks housing. The definition also includes a person living in transitional housing or a supervised public or private facility providing temporary living quarters.

Undocumented citizen is defined as a national of another country who has entered or stayed in another country without permission.

Migrant worker is defined as a person who temporarily leaves his/her principal place of residence within a country in order to accept seasonal employment in the same country.

~~Foreign visitor is defined as any person visiting a country other than his/her usual place of residence for any reason without intending to receive earnings in the visited country.~~

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## Patient's Date of Birth (DOB)

**Definition:** Patient's date of birth.

**Related Variables:** Patient's Age

**Examples:** 06/01/1954  
10/24/2000

**Notes:** The 4-digit year is required to compute the age of patients born in different centuries.

**Data Type:** Date      **Format:** mm/dd/yyyy

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## Patient's Age (AGE)

**Definition:** The patient's age as a number (can be years, months, weeks, or days).

**Related Variables:** Age Units

**Notes:** Use this variable in combination with the variable "Age Units". Age is typically calculated by the software using date of birth and date of injury.

**Data Type:** Number      **Format:** Length 3

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## Age Units (AGE\_UNITS)

**Definition:** The units of the patient's age.

**Values:**

H	= Hours	D	= Days
M	= Months	Y	= Years
W	= Weeks	X	= Minutes

The minutes value  
was added in 2016

**Related Variables:** Patient's Age (with Variable Units)

**Notes:** Use this variable in combination with the variable "Patient's Age". Age is typically calculated by the software using date of birth and date of injury.

**Data Type:** Text      **Format:** Length 1

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## Patient's Gender (SEX)

**Definition:** Patient's gender.

**Values:** M = Male  
F = Female  
NA = Not applicable  
UNK = Unknown or not documented

**Notes:** Patients who have undergone a surgical and/or hormonal sex reassignment should be coded using the current assignment.

**Data Type:** Text **Format:** Length 3

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## Patient's Race (RACE)

**Definition:** Patient's race.

**Values:** 1 = White  
2 = Black or African American  
3 = Asian  
4 = American Indian  
6 = Other Race  
7 = Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander  
NA = Not applicable  
UNK = Unknown or not documented

**Notes:** This variable might be difficult to determine. Possible sources include the patient's self-description or information from the medical record face sheet. It should be based on self-report or as identified by a family member, when possible.

**Data Type:** Text **Format:** Length 3

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## Patient's Second Race (RACE\_OTHER)

**Definition:** Patient's secondary race.

**Values:** 1 = White 2 = Black or African American  
3 = Asian 4 = American Indian  
6 = Other Race 7 = Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander  
NA = Not applicable UNK = Unknown or not documented

**Notes:** This variable might be difficult to determine. Possible sources include the patient's self-description or information from the medical record face sheet.

**Data Type:** Text **Format:** Length 3

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## Patient's Ethnicity (ETHNICITY)

**Definition:** Patient's ethnicity.

**Values:** H = Hispanic or Latino  
N = Not Hispanic or Latino  
NA = Not applicable  
UNK = Unknown or not documented

**Notes:** Patient ethnicity should be based upon self-report or identified by a family member.

**Data Type:** Text **Format:** Length 3

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## Date of Injury (INJURY\_DATE)

**Definition:** Date the injury occurred.

**Examples:** 02/08/2006

**Related Variables:** Time of Injury, Injury Time Known

**Notes:** This date should be the same as or earlier than any of the other dates in the trauma care sequence. The injury date/time can be different from the EMS response date/time. For example, if the patient was injured in an event, then realized a few days later that he/she wasn't feeling well, the patient might then call EMS or go to the ED.

Injury date/time helps provide information about response time and how long it takes a patient to seek help.

**Data Type:** Date **Format:** mm/dd/yyyy

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## Time of Injury (INJURY\_TIME)

**Definition:** Time the injury occurred.

**Values:** 00:01 (midnight) through 23:59

**Related Variables:** Date of Injury, Injury Time Known

**Notes:** The injury date and time provide an anchor at one end of the sequence of transport events.

**Data Type:** Time **Format:** hh:mm

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## Injury Time Known (INJURY\_TIME\_KNOWN)

**Definition:** Is the injury time reported “exact”, estimated or unknown?

**Values:**

EXACT	Time of injury is +/- 30 minutes.
EST	Time of injury is estimated.
UNK	Time of injury is unknown - no time is mentioned in the medical record.

**Related Variables:** Date of Injury, Time of Injury

**Notes:** This field indicates how the injury time is known. Is it Exact, Estimated (by the registrar) or Unknown? Exact does not have to be to the minute. For example, if the medical record states that the event happened “around noon today”, “about a half hour before the patient came to ED”, etc., indicate “Exact”. Just round off, and put noon, or 1/2 hour prior to arrival in ED, respectively. Use the label “Exact” if you have information within a 30-minute window of when the event happened. If however, a patient reports that he fell “sometime last night,” that would be an estimated time of injury. You could arbitrarily use 8:00 pm and put ESTIMATED. If there is no mention in the medical record of when the injury occurred, enter UNK.

**Data Type:** Text

**Format:** Length 5

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## Location of Injury (LOCALE)

**Definition:** The location where the injury incident occurred.

**Values:** If possible, give the actual street address. If the actual street address is not available, include as much detailed information as you can, such as the nearest street address, intersection, city, etc. Include information regarding location type, such as the NAME of a school, business, public park, public building, etc.

**Related** Injury Zip Code, County and State

**Variables:** Injury Location Type

**Examples:** "Home of patient's grandmother at 4638 W Hampden Ave, Englewood"  
"Slope at Snowmass Ski Area"  
"Sidewalk in front of Red Ram Lounge, 277 First Ave, Ft Collins"  
"Intersection of Dartmouth Ave & Sheridan Blvd, Lakewood"  
"13 miles into Weminuche Wilderness Area from trailhead near Bayfield"  
"Miller Middle School Playground, Ft Lupton"

**Notes:** Enter the injury location as specifically as possible. Enough information should be provided to be able to determine the location type.

If the injury occurred at the patient's home, do NOT write "Patient's home." Please enter the address information again (street address and city in this field; zip code, county, and state in their respective fields).

If the injury occurred at someone else's home, enter the address information if available (including the appropriate zip, county and state in their respective fields).

If the injury occurred at a ski resort, enter the name of the ski resort.

For motor vehicle crashes, include the name of the street or highway and mile-markers or cross streets.

If the injury occurred in a nursing home, enter the name of the nursing home.

**Data Type:** Text      **Format:**      **Length** 255

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## Incident City (NEAREST\_TOWN)

**Definition:** The city or town where the incident occurred or where the patient was found (or best approximation).

**Values:** Name of the city. See details in the description of Patient's City of Residence (page 8).

NA = Not applicable

UNK = Unknown or not documented

**Notes:** Used to determine the FIPS code. Only complete when Incident Location ZIP code is "Not applicable" or "Unknown".

**Data Type:** Text                      **Format:**                      Length 50

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## Injury Location Zip Code (INJURY\_ZIP)

**Definition:** Zip Code of the place where the injury incident occurred.

**Values:** 5-digit zip code.

NA= Not applicable

UNK= Unknown or not documented

**Related Variables:** Locale; Injury County and State

**References:** The US Postal Service address-lookup web page will give you the zip code for any valid address: <http://zip4.usps.com/zip4/welcome.jsp>

**Notes:** Code the injury location as specifically as possible. Put the injury address and city in the "Locale" variable. Zip code can later be determined from the address. Start with the most specific information you have, then complete the less specific. Start with the injury address, and then enter injury zip code, county and state. If the street address and city are available, use the USPS website above to obtain the appropriate zip code.

**Data Type:** Text                      **Format:**                      Length 10

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## Injury Location State (INJURY\_STATE)

**Definition:** The state where the injury incident occurred.

**Values:** Two-letter US Postal abbreviation

AL = Alabama	KY = Kentucky	ND = North Dakota
AK = Alaska	LA = Louisiana	OH = Ohio
AZ = Arizona	ME = Maine	OK = Oklahoma
AR = Arkansas	MD = Maryland	OR = Oregon
CA = California	MA = Massachusetts	PA = Pennsylvania
CO = Colorado	MI = Michigan	RI = Rhode Island
CT = Connecticut	MN = Minnesota	SC = South Carolina
DE = Delaware	MS = Mississippi	SD = South Dakota
DC = District of Columbia	MO = Missouri	TN = Tennessee
FL = Florida	MT = Montana	TX = Texas
GA = Georgia	NE = Nebraska	UT = Utah
HI = Hawaii	NV = Nevada	VT = Vermont
ID = Idaho	NH = New Hampshire	VA = Virginia
IL = Illinois	NJ = New Jersey	WA = Washington
IN = Indiana	NM = New Mexico	WV = West Virginia
IA = Iowa	NY = New York	WI = Wisconsin
KS = Kansas	NC = North Carolina	WY = Wyoming
		PR = Puerto Rico

NA = Not applicable (injury event did not occur in the U.S.)  
UNK = Unknown or not documented

**Related Variables:** Locale; Injury Zip Code and County

**References:** <http://www.usps.com/ncsc/lookups/abbreviations.html>

**Data Type:** Text      **Format:**      **Length** 5

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## Injury Location County (COUNTY\_STATE)

**Definition:** The Colorado county where the injury incident occurred.

**Values:**

1 = Adams	23 = Garfield	45 = Otero
2 = Alamosa	24 = Gilpin	46 = Ouray
3 = Arapahoe	25 = Grand	47 = Park
4 = Archuleta	26 = Gunnison	48 = Phillips
5 = Baca	27 = Hinsdale	49 = Pitkin
6 = Bent	28 = Huerfano	50 = Prowers
7 = Boulder	29 = Jackson	51 = Pueblo
8 = Chaffee	30 = Jefferson	52 = Rio Blanco
9 = Cheyenne	31 = Kiowa	53 = Rio Grande
10 = Clear Creek	32 = Kit Carson	54 = Routt
11 = Conejos	33 = Lake	55 = Saguache
12 = Costilla	34 = La Plata	56 = San Juan
13 = Crowley	35 = Larimer	57 = San Miguel
14 = Custer	36 = Las Animas	58 = Sedgwick
15 = Delta	37 = Lincoln	59 = Summit
16 = Denver	38 = Logan	60 = Teller
17 = Dolores	39 = Mesa	61 = Washington
18 = Douglas	40 = Mineral	62 = Weld
19 = Eagle	41 = Moffat	63 = Yuma
20 = Elbert	42 = Montezuma	80 = Broomfield
21 = El Paso	43 = Montrose	90 = Denver Metro
22 = Fremont	44 = Morgan	98 = Out-of-state
UNK = Unknown or not documented		

If the patient was transported to your facility by private vehicle, and you have reason to think the patient was injured in the metro Denver area but the exact county is not known, enter "90".

**Related Variables:** Locale; Injury Zip Code and State

**Notes:** This variable only applies to injuries that occurred in Colorado. If you know the city in Colorado where the person was injured, but you don't know the county, use the National Association of Counties website at <http://www.naco.org/Pages/default.aspx> to identify the appropriate county for a city. If the injury occurred outside of Colorado, enter "98".

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## Incident Country (INJURY\_COUNTRY)

**Definition:** The country where the injury incident occurred.

**Values:**

US	United States	EZ	Czech Republic	LT	Lesotho	SM	San Marino
MX	Mexico	DA	Denmark	LI	Liberia	TP	Sao Tome and Principe
CA	Canada	DJ	Djibouti	LY	Libya		
AF	Afghanistan	DO	Dominica	LS	Liechtenstein	SA	Saudi Arabia
AL	Albania	DR	Dominican Republic	LH	Lithuania	SG	Senegal
AG	Algeria	TT	East Timor	LU	Luxembourg	RB	Serbia
AN	Andorra	EC	Ecuador	MK	Macedonia	SE	Seychelles
AO	Angola	EG	Egypt	MA	Madagascar	SL	Sierra Leone
AC	Antigua and Barbuda	ES	El Salvador	MI	Malawi	SN	Singapore
		EK	Equatorial Guinea	MY	Malaysia	LO	Slovakia
AR	Argentina	ER	Eritrea	MV	Maldives	SI	Slovenia
AM	Armenia	EN	Estonia	ML	Mali	BP	Solomon Islands
AS	Australia	ET	Ethiopia	MT	Malta	SO	Somalia
AU	Austria	FJ	Fiji	RM	Marshall Islands	SF	South Africa
AJ	Azerbaijan	FI	Finland	MR	Mauritania	SP	Spain
BF	Bahamas	FR	France	MP	Mauritius	CE	Sri Lanka
BA	Bahrain	GB	Gabon	FM	Micronesia	SU	Sudan
BG	Bangladesh	GA	Gambia	MD	Moldova	NS	Suriname
BB	Barbados	GG	Georgia	MN	Monaco	WZ	Swaziland
BO	Belarus	GM	Germany	MG	Mongolia	SW	Sweden
BE	Belgium	GH	Ghana	MJ	Montenegro	SZ	Switzerland
BH	Belize	GR	Greece	MO	Morocco	SY	Syria
BN	Benin	GJ	Grenada	MZ	Mozambique	TI	Tajikistan
BT	Bhutan	GT	Guatemala	WA	Namibia	TW	Taiwan
BL	Bolivia	GV	Guinea	NR	Nauru	TZ	Tanzania
BK	Bosnia and Herzegovina	PU	Guinea-Bissau	NP	Nepal	TH	Thailand
		GY	Guyana	NL	Netherlands	TO	Togo
BC	Botswana	HA	Haiti	NZ	New Zealand	TN	Tonga
BR	Brazil	VT	Holy See	NU	Nicaragua	TD	Trinidad and Tobago
BX	Brunei	HO	Honduras	NG	Niger	TS	Tunisia
BU	Bulgaria	HU	Hungary	NI	Nigeria	TS	Tunisia
UV	Burkina Faso	IC	Iceland	NO	Norway	TU	Turkey
BM	Burma	IN	India	MU	Oman	TX	Turkmenistan
BY	Burundi	ID	Indonesia	PK	Pakistan	TV	Tuvalu
CB	Cambodia	IR	Iran	PS	Palau	UG	Uganda
CM	Cameroon	IZ	Iraq	PM	Panama	UP	Ukraine
CV	Cape Verde	EI	Ireland	PP	Papua New Guinea	AE	United Arab Emirates
CT	Central African Republic	IS	Israel	PA	Paraguay	UK	United Kingdom
		IT	Italy	PE	Peru	UY	Uruguay
CD	Chad	JM	Jamaica	RP	Philippines	UZ	Uzbekistan
CI	Chile	JA	Japan	PL	Poland	NH	Vanuatu
CH	China	JO	Jordan	PO	Portugal	VE	Venezuela
CO	Colombia	KZ	Kazakhstan	QA	Qatar	VM	Vietnam
CN	Comoros	KE	Kenya	RO	Romania	YM	Yemen
CF	Congo (Brazzaville)	KR	Kiribati	RS	Russia	ZA	Zambia
CG	Congo (Kinshasa)	KN	Korea, North	RW	Rwanda	ZI	Zimbabwe
CS	Costa Rica	KS	Korea, South	SC	Saint Kitts and Nevis	NA	Not applicable
IV	Cote d'Ivoire	KU	Kuwait	ST	Saint Lucia	UNK	Unknown
HR	Croatia	KG	Kyrgyzstan	VC	Saint Vincent & Grenadine		
CU	Cuba	LA	Laos	WS	Samoa		
CY	Cyprus	LG	Latvia				
		LE	Lebanon				

**Notes:** Only complete when the injury incident occurred outside the US.

**Data Type:** Text **Format:** Length 3



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## Injury Location Type (LOCATION)

**Definition:** Type of location where the injury occurred. The information entered in this variable should reflect the type of location where the injury occurred, NOT what the person was doing at the time of injury.

**Values:**

**HOME:** The interior and exterior of any private home or private residence. Includes house, farm house, apartment, condominium, boarding house, private driveway, private garage, private garden, and private walkway, swimming pool within private house or garden, and yard of home. Excludes home under construction but not occupied, or an institutional place of residence.

**FARM:** Includes farm buildings (barn, storage) and land under cultivation (orchard, field). Excludes farmhouse and home premises of the farm.

**RES:** Residential institution. Includes dormitory, hospital, jail or prison, home for the elderly, orphanage, barracks, reform school, nursing home.

**REC:** Place for recreation or sport. Includes school playground, gymnasium, athletic fields (baseball, football, soccer, etc), athletic courts (basketball, tennis, etc.), rinks (ice, roller, hockey), golf course, public park, holiday camp, race course, resorts of all types, riding school, rifle range, stadium, public swimming pool. Excludes athletic and recreational injuries that occur in a private house or yard.

**STREET:** Includes all public roadways.

**HIGH:** Includes highway, interstate, freeway.

**PUBLIC:** Any building used by the general public, including the adjacent grounds, driveways, & parking lots. Includes airport, bank, restaurant, bar or nightclub, bus or railway station, business office, casino, clubhouse, courthouse, dance hall, gas station, hotel or motel, movie theater, music hall, office building, place of worship, post office, store, theaters, non-residential parking garage. Excludes home garage or industrial building or workplace. Also excludes public and private schools.

**INDUS:** Industrial settings and work places. Includes construction site, motor vehicle/boat sales/repairs, industrial plant and yard, warehouse, laboratory/science lab, truck dockyard, garage (if a place of work), loading platform in factory or store, railway yard, repair shop.

**MINE:** Mine and quarry.

**EDUC:** Educational Facilities. Includes any public or private school, from pre-school through universities and adult education facilities. Excludes playground, gym, athletic field, and other recreational locations within education institutions. These should be coded as place for recreation (REC).

**OTHER:** Other specified location. Use this option only if none of the other options can be justified (for example, REC, for recreation area). This option may include forest, open land or field, vacant lot, graded/cared for plot of land, lake, river, railroad right of way, beach, desert, mountain, pond, prairie, reservoir, abandoned building.

**NA:** Not applicable

**UNK:** Unknown or not documented

**Related**      Locale  
**Variables:**   E849 "Place of Occurrence" codes:  
                 HOME = E849.0  
                 FARM = E849.1  
                 RES = E849.7  
                 REC = E849.4  
                 STREET = E849.5  
                 HIGH = E849.5  
                 PUBLIC = E849.6  
                 INDUS = E849.3  
                 MINE = Included in E849.3  
                 EDUC = No E849 code  
                 OTHER = E849.8  
                 UNK = E849.9

**References:** ICD-9-CM coding manual

**Notes:**      Injury location type should reflect the type of location where the injury occurred,  
                 NOT what the person was doing at the time of injury.  
                 "Work" is not a valid option.  
                 For more information on assigning Injury Location Type, see Appendix III.

<b>Data Type:</b>	Text	<b>Format:</b>	Length 20
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## ICD-10 Place of Occurrence External Cause Code (PLACEOFCAUSEICD10)

**Definition:** Place of occurrence external cause code used to describe the place/site/location of the injury event (Y92.x).

**Values:** Relevant ICD-10-CM code value for injury event

**Notes:** Only ICD-10-CM codes will be accepted for ICD-10 Place of Occurrence External Cause Code  
Field cannot be blank (at least one ICD-10 trauma code must be entered)  
Place of injury code should be Y92.X/ Y92.XX/ Y92.XXX (where X is A-Z {excluding I, O} or 0-9)

Null value "NA" is used if not coding ICD10

**Data Source Hierarchy:**

1. EMS Run Report
2. Triage/ Trauma Flow Sheet
3. Nursing Notes/ Flow Sheet
4. History and Physical
5. Progress Notes

**Data Type:** Text                      **Format:** Length 7

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## Work-Related (INDUST\_ACC)

**Definition:** Indication of whether the injury occurred during paid employment.

**Values:**

- N = Not work related
- Y = Work related
- NA = Not applicable
- UNK = Unknown or not documented

**Notes:** If the injury is work-related, two additional data fields must be completed: OCCUPATION and INDUSTRY\_TYPE. This field allows one to characterize injuries associated with job environments.

**Data Type:** Text                      **Format:** Length 5

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## Patient's Occupation (OCCUPATION)

**Definition:** The patient's occupation.

**Value**

ARC= Architecture/Engineering  
BUS = Business and Financial Operations  
COM = Community and Social Service  
COMP= Computer/ Mathematics  
CONS= Construction/Extraction  
DISABLED= Disabled  
ED= Education, Training, Library  
ENT = Arts, Design, Entertainment, Sports,  
Media  
FARM= Farming/Fishing/Forestry  
FOOD = Food Preparation/Serving  
HEALTH= Healthcare Practitioners/ Technical  
HS = Healthcare Support  
LEGAL= Legal Occupations  
MAIN= Building/ Ground/

MAN= Management  
MIL= Military  
OFFICE= Office and Administrative support  
PER= Personal Care and Service  
PRO= Protective Service  
PROD= Production  
REP = Installation/Maintenance/ Repair  
RETIRED= Retired  
SALE= Sales and Related  
SCI= Life/Physical/Social Science  
STUDENT= Student  
TRANS= Transportation and Material Moving  
NA= Not applicable  
UNK= Unknown or not document

**Notes:** Only complete if the injury is work-related. If the injury is work-related, also complete INDUSTRY\_TYPE. These codes are based upon 1999 US Bureau of Labor Statistics Standard Occupational Classification (SOC) (see <http://www.bls.gov/soc/home.htm>) and are used to better describe injuries associated with work environments.

**Data Type:** Text

**Format:** Length 10

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## Patient's Occupational Industry (INDUSTRY\_TYPE)

**Definition:** The occupational industry associated with the patient's work environment.

**Values:**

AG=	Agriculture, Forestry, Fishing
CONS=	Construction
EDU=	Education and Health Services
FINANCE=	Finance, Insurance and Real Estate
GOV=	Government
INF=	Information Services
LEISURE=	Leisure and Hospitality
MAN=	Manufacturing
NR=	Natural Resources and Mining
PROF=	Professional and Business Services
RETAIL=	Retail Trade
TRANS=	Transportation and Public Utilities
WHOLE=	Wholesale Trade
OTHER=	Other Services
NA =	Not applicable
UNK=	Unknown or not documented

**Notes:** Only complete if the injury is work-related. If the injury is work-related, also complete OCCUPATION. These codes are based upon US Bureau of Labor Statistics Industry Classification (<http://www.bls.gov/soc/home.htm>) and are used to better describe injuries associated with work environments.

<b>Data Type:</b>	Text	<b>Format:</b>	Length 7
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## Injury Description & Circumstances (INJURY\_DETAILS)

**Definition:** A description of the injury circumstances.

**Values:** Free text

**Related** E-Codes

**Variables:** Cause of Injury Code

**Notes:** Provide as complete a description of the circumstances as possible. This information is used to support the external cause of injury coding (E-codes). There should be enough information so that anyone reading your account of how the injury occurred could come up with the same E-code as you do. You don't need to repeat information provided elsewhere (such as diagnoses or the exact location where the injury occurred). If the injury occurred as a result of a motor vehicle crash, include whether the patient was a driver or passenger. Other helpful information to include in this field can be age, gender, use of protective devices, when the injury occurred if different from the date the patient came to your hospital and whether the patient was referred from another hospital. Mention intentionality (intentional vs. accidental injury) if known, particularly with stab wounds and gunshot wounds. Include all of the events that happened in the order in which they occurred.

**Examples:** "Pt was walking along I-76, was hit by motor vehicle. Pt was thrown over guardrail and down 15-20 ft embankment onto RD 26."  
"Pt was competing in a rodeo, was thrown from a bull onto right side, and then was kicked by the bull."  
"Skiing, went over a jump, landed then ran into a tree. Unknown whether a helmet was being used at the time of injury."  
"80 y/o female presented to another hospital today C/O of a severe headache. She fell last night when she tripped over her dog. Hit her head at that time, but felt OK initially. Transferred here for neurosurgery consult."

**Bad Examples:**

"MVA"

"Ski"

**Data Type:** Text

**Format:** Any Length

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## ICD-9 External Cause Code (CAUSE\_E\_CODES)

**Definition:** An "external cause of injury code" from the ICD-9-CM coding system.

**Values:** Values are 3-digit numbers. There may also be a decimal point and up to two digits after the decimal point.  
Valid E-codes are in the E800 to E995 range.

**Related** Cause of Injury Code

**Variables:** Injury Description & Circumstances

E849 codes are closely related to Injury Location Type

**References:** ICD-9-CM coding manual. "Supplementary Classification of External Causes of Injury and Poisoning (E800-E999)"

"Recommended Framework for Presenting Injury Mortality Data". MMWR Vol 46, No. RR-14, Aug 29, 1997.

**Notes:** Null value "NA" is used if not coding ICD9

The primary E-code should describe the main reason a patient is admitted to the hospital.

Always include at least two E-Codes: one for the cause and one for the location (E849). In some instances, you might need to enter three E-Codes: two describing how the injury occurred and one for the location. Do not enter the location E-code (E849.x) as the first E-code.

Use the ICD-9-CM coding rules appropriately. For more information about assigning E-codes, see Appendix VII.

In the National Trauma Data Bank (NTDB), E-codes are used to auto-generate two calculated fields: Trauma Type (Blunt, Penetrating, Burn) and Intentionality (based upon the CDC injury matrix). See page 30-32 of the 2011 National Trauma

Data Standards dictionary at <http://www.ntdsdictionary.org/> .

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**Data Type:** Text

**Format:**

Length 7

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## ICD-10 Primary External Cause Code (CAUSEICD10)

**Definition:** External cause code used to describe the mechanism (or external factor) that caused the injury event

**Values:** Relevant ICD-10-CM code value for injury event

**Notes:** Null value "NA" is used if not coding ICD10

The primary external cause code should describe the main reason a patient is admitted to the hospital. This is the FIRST listed code.

Additional external cause codes, if applicable, should be reported in this field to describe the injury event.

Additional external cause codes should not be equal to the primary external cause code

An E-Code is not a valid ICD-10-CM

External cause codes are used to auto-generate two calculated fields: Trauma

Type (Blunt, Penetrating, Burn) and Intentionality (based upon CDC matrix).

Activity codes should not be reported in this field

**Data Source Hierarchy:**

1. EMS Run Report
2. Triage/Trauma Flow Sheet
3. Nursing Notes/ Flow Sheet
4. History and Physical
5. Progress Notes

**Data Type:** Text

**Format:**

Length 7

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## ICD-10 Additional External Cause Code (ADDITIONALCAUSEICD10)

**Definition:** Additional External Cause Code used in conjunction with the Primary External Cause Code if multiple external cause codes are required to describe the injury event.

**Values:** Relevant ICD-10-CM code value for injury event

**Notes:** Null value “NA” is used if not coding ICD10

External cause codes are used to auto-generate two calculated fields:

Trauma Type (Blunt, Penetrating, Burn) and Intentionality (based upon CDC matrix).

Only ICD-10-CM codes will be accepted for ICD-10 Additional External Cause Code

Activity codes should not be reported in this field.

E-Code is not a valid ICD-10-CM code

Additional External Cause Code ICD-10 should not be equal to Primary External Cause Code ICD-10

**Data Type:** Text

**Format:**

Length 7

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## Cause of Injury Code (CAUSE\_CODE)

**Definition:** A code for the cause of injury.

**Values:** Use this variable for cases where specific E-codes are not available. Some examples include:

SKI = Snow skiing (do not include water skiing in this category)  
SPORT = Any sport-related injury (except SKI and SNOWB)  
SNOWB = Snowboarding (if you don't know if ski or snowboard, use SKI)  
SUI = Suicide (completed or attempted)  
ATV = All-terrain vehicle

**Related** E-Codes

**Variables:** Injury Description & Circumstances  
ICD-10 External Cause codes

**Notes:** In analyzing data at the state level, more reliance will be placed on identifying the mechanism of injury using E-codes. This variable helps to identify specific types of injuries for which E-coding is not specific enough.

In past discussions with registrars on standard definitions for these codes, it became obvious that different facilities use these codes in different ways. A decision was made to NOT standardize the definitions for the codes, and for hospitals to continue to use these codes as they always have. Analysis of data at the state level will rely on E-codes and the injury description rather than the "Cause of Injury" code.

**Data Type:** Text      **Format:** Length 5

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## Trauma Type (TRAUMA\_TYPE)

**Definition:** Trauma type, based on the injury most likely to influence the probability of survival.

**Values:**

- B = Blunt trauma
- P = Penetrating trauma
- T = Thermal (e.g., burns, frostbite)
- NA = Not applicable (e.g., for readmissions)
- UNK = Unknown or not documented

**Related Variables:**

- ICD9/ICD10 codes
- Diagnosis description
- E-Codes
- AIS Severity Level
- Triage Codes

**Notes:** The primary reason for assigning trauma type is for calculation of the probability of survival. For more discussion on assigning trauma type, see Appendix VIII.

In brief:

Penetrating trauma is defined as: any wound or injury caused by a sharp implement resulting in penetration of the skin and either entrance into a cavity, or for the extremities, into deeper structures such as tendons, nerves, vascular structures or deep muscle beds. Penetrating trauma requires more than one layer of suturing for closure.

Thermal trauma is defined as: any trauma resulting from thermal injury, such as thermal burns, frostbite, scald, and chemical burns.

Blunt trauma is defined as any other type of injury, including hangings, drownings, lightning strikes, and snake bites.

**Data Type:** Text      **Format:**      Length 5

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## Protective Devices (PROTECTIVE\_DEVICES)

**Definition:** Protective device(s) used by the patient at the time the injury occurred.

**Values:**

NONE	= No protective device used
3PT	= Both lap and shoulder belt (maps to “Shoulder” in NTDS)
AIR	= Airbag present (see page 33 for details regarding deployment)
BELT	= Patient was restrained, but no further details are available
CHILD	= Child restraint (booster seat, child car seat)
CLOTH	= Protective clothing (e.g. padded leather pants)
EYE	= Eye protection
FLOAT	= Personal Flotation Device
GEAR	= Protective non-clothing gear (e.g., knee pads, shin/wrist guards)
HEL	= Helmet (e.g., bicycle, skiing, motorcycle)
LAP	= Lap belt only
SHOUL	= Shoulder belt only
OTHER	= Other protection
NA	= Not applicable
UNK	= Unknown or not documented

**Related Variables:** Injury Description & Circumstances

**Notes:** Sometimes EMS reports will state that the patient “was restrained,” but not mention the type of restraint used. In this instance, “BELT” would be the appropriate state code.

With regard to choosing between “NONE”, “NA”, and “UNK.”

➤ Choose “NONE” when personal protective equipment is known to be available for the activity in which the patient was injured, and the medical record specifically mentions that the patient DID NOT have a helmet on, or WAS NOT restrained, or WAS NOT wearing protective eyewear, etc. Some activities where one would expect the use of personal protective equipment include:

Riding in a motor vehicle – Airbags, lap/shoulder belts, child restraints

Riding on a Motorcycle – Helmet, protective clothing

Bicycling – Helmet

Skateboarding – Helmet

Rollerblading – Helmet, knee pads, wrist pads

Roofing – Fall protection

Skiing/Telemark Skiing – Helmet

Snowboarding – Helmet

Construction – Hard Hat (Helmet)

Boating – Flotation Device

Football - Helmet, Protective Clothing, Mouth protection (other)

Hockey – Helmet, Protective Clothing, Eye protection, Mouth protection (other)

Chemist - Eye Protection

Welders – Face Shield, Protective Clothing (gloves), hard hat (helmet)

Rock Climbing – Helmet

- Choose “UNK” when personal protective equipment is known to be available for the activity in which the patient was injured, and the chart does not mention whether protective equipment was used or not.
- Choose “NA” (not applicable) when someone is injured in an activity that does not normally require protective devices, such as walking down the street or around their own home.
- If you don't know whether protective equipment is available or not for a specific activity, and there is nothing mentioned in the medical record about the use of equipment, select “UNK.”

**Data Type:** Text                      **Format:**                      Length 6

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## Airbag Deployment (AIRBAG)

**Definition:** Indication of an airbag deployment during a motor vehicle crash

**Values:**

N     = Airbag not deployed  
 F     = Airbag deployed, Front  
 S     = Airbag deployed, Side  
 O     = Airbag deployed, Other (knee, airbelt, curtain, etc.)  
 NA    = Not applicable  
 UNK = Unknown or not documented

**Notes:** Used to better define injury cause and characterize injury patterns. Evidence of the use of airbag deployment may be reported or observed. This variable is only completed when Protective Devices include “AIR”. Check all that apply.

If airbag deployment is documented, but the specific type of airbag (front, side or other) is not mentioned, enter “F” (Airbag deployed, Front).

**Data Type:** Text                      **Format:**                      Length 3

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## Child Specific Restraint (CHILD\_RESTRAINT)

**Definition:** Protective child restraint devices used by the patient at the time of injury

**Values:**

CHILD=    Child car seat  
 INFANT=   Infant car seat  
 BOOSTER= Child Booster seat  
 NA=        Not applicable  
 UNK=       Unknown or not documented

**Notes:** Evidence of the use of child restraint may be reported or observed. This variable is only completed when Protective Devices include “CHILD”.

**Data Type:** Text                      **Format:**                      Length 6

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## Report of Physical Abuse (ABUSEREPORT)

**Definition:** report of physical abuse was made to law enforcement and/or protective services

**Values:** Y =Yes  
N =No  
Cannot be NA

**Notes:** Includes but is not limited to reporting of child, elder, spouse or intimate partner physical abuse.

**Data Type:** Text **Format:** Three

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## Investigation of Physical Abuse (ABUSEINVESTIGATION)

**Definition:** Investigation by law enforcement and/or protective services was initiated because of the suspected physical abuse.

**Values:** Y = Yes  
N = No  
NA = Not applicable

**Notes:** Includes, but not limited to reporting of child, elder, spouse or intimate partner abuse.  
Not Applicable should be used for when Report of Physical Abuse is No

**Data Type:** Text **Format:** Three

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## Caregiver at Discharge (ABUSECAREGIVER)

**Definition:** Patient was discharged to a caregiver different than the caregiver at admission due to suspected physical abuse.

**Values:** Y =Yes  
N = No  
NA = Not Applicable

**Notes:** Only complete when Report of physical abuse is Y (Yes)  
Only complete for minors (<18 years of age)  
NA value should be used for patients where the Report of physical abuse is NO or if patient expires prior to discharge

**Data type:** Text **Format:** Three

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## Alcohol Evident (EV)

**Definition:** Is there any indication that the patient had been using alcohol at the time of the injury?

**Values:** Y= Yes. There are comments in the medical record, prehospital trip sheet or by verbal report that suggest the patient used alcohol at the time of the injury  
YL= Yes, confirmed by test to be greater than the legal limit (the legal limit in Colorado is 0.05 grams of ETOH per 100 ml of blood)  
YT = Yes, confirmed by test to be trace amounts or less than the legal limit but not zero  
N= No. No evidence in the medical record, prehospital trip sheet or by verbal report that the patient used alcohol at the time of the injury (Not suspected)  
NT= No (Confirmed by test)  
NA= Not applicable  
UNK= Unknown or not documented

**Notes:** Blood alcohol concentration (BAC) may be documented at any facility, unit, or setting treating this patient event.

**Related Variables:** Blood Alcohol Content; Breathalyzer Results

**Data Type:** Text **Format:** Length 3

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## Breathalyzer Results (ETOHBR)

**Definition:** Blood alcohol content estimated by measuring the alcohol content of the breath. This is done using a "Breathalyzer" or similar device.

**Values:** 0 to 1000, for cases where a Breathalyzer test was performed

NA = Not Applicable  
UNK = Unknown or not documented  
Do not enter decimal points in this field.

**Related Variables:** Alcohol Evident, Blood Alcohol Content

**Notes:** See notes under "Blood Alcohol Content"

**Data Type:** Number **Format:** Length 5

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## Blood Alcohol Content (ETOH)

**Definition:** Blood Alcohol Content as measured in a blood test.

**Values:** 0 to 1000, for cases where BAC was measured.

NA = Not applicable

UNK = Unknown or not documented

Do not enter decimal points in this field.

**Related Variables:** Alcohol Evident; Breathalyzer Results

**Examples:** 80 = 0.08 grams of ETOH per 100 ml blood. It is illegal to operate a motor vehicle in Colorado at this level or above.  
50 = 0.05 grams of ETOH per 100 ml blood. Drivers with a BAC between this level and 0.08 are "Driving while Alcohol-Impaired".

**References:** The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) does research on alcohol and safety, especially with regard to driving. An index of their journal articles is available at: <http://www.nhtsa.dot.gov/> (click on the tab that says "Driving Safety").

Information is also provided on training physicians to detect and counsel their patients who drink heavily (see

[http://www.nhtsa.dot.gov/people/injury/alcohol/impaired\\_driving/content.html](http://www.nhtsa.dot.gov/people/injury/alcohol/impaired_driving/content.html)).

**Notes:** Alcohol concentration is defined in terms of the weight of ethanol (ethyl alcohol) in a volume of blood or breath. In the United States the typical measure is grams of ethanol in 100 milliliters of blood or in 210 liters of breath and is reported as, for example, 0.10 percent or just "point 1-0". In Colorado, 0.05 is the legal limit for "Driving while Alcohol-Impaired" (DWAI), and 0.08 is the limit for "Driving Under the Influence" (DUI). In our database, this figure is multiplied by 1000, so that 0.10 becomes 100.

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<b>Data Type:</b>	Number	<b>Format:</b>	Length 5
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## Tox Screen Values (TOX)

**Definition:** Positive results from a toxicology screen.

**Values:**

AMPHET	= Amphetamines
CANN	= Cannabis, THC
COC	= Cocaine
OPIATES	= Opiates
OTHER	= Other
MULT	= Positive for more than one drug
NEG	= Results were negative
NOTDONE	= Tox screen not done
NA	= Not applicable
NOT	= Not documented
UNK	= Unknown

This variable will NO LONGER BE INCLUDED in the Colorado Trauma Registry beginning in 2011.

**Notes:** "Positive" is not a valid response. If the screen is positive, indicate one of the categories listed above.

This variable is used for two main purposes: 1) to identify patient factors that might have influenced the occurrence of the event (and therefore, might be reasonable to address for prevention purposes) and 2) to identify drugs that might influence the vital signs (and their interpretation). For this variable, only indicate whether or not the tox screen is positive. You do not need to identify the timing of when the drug was introduced (i.e., if the drug was "on board" before or after the injury event occurred).

**Data Type:** Text                      **Format:** Length 15

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## Drug Use Indicator (TOX\_TEST)

**Definition:** Use of drugs by the patient.

**Values:**

N	= No (not suspected, not tested)
NC	= No (confirmed by test)
YP	= Yes (confirmed by test [prescription drug])
YD	= Yes (confirmed by test [illegal use drug])
NA	= Not applicable
UNK	= Unknown or not documented

**Notes:** This variable refers to drug use by the patient and does not include medical treatment.  
"Illegal use drug" also includes illegal use of prescription drugs.

**Data Type:** Text                      **Format:** Length 3

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## Patient's Outcome (OUTCOME)

**Definition:** Patient's outcome.

**Values:** A = Discharged alive  
D = Died (DOA, in the ED, or as an inpatient)  
NA = Not applicable  
UNK = Unknown or not documented

**Related Variables:** Disposition from the ED (ER\_Disposition)  
Inpatient Disposition (InPtDisp)

**Examples:** If Outcome = "D", then either ER\_Disposition = "D" or InPtDisp = "D" (but not both). If the patient is discharged alive from the acute care facility, the value here should be "A", even if the patient later dies in a step-down, SNF, or rehab unit attached to the hospital.

**Data Type:** Text **Format:** Length 3

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## Transfer-In Status (HOSPITAL\_TRANSFER)

**Definition:** Was this patient transferred to your facility from another acute care facility?

**Values:** Y =Yes  
N =No  
NA = Not applicable  
UNK = Unknown or not documented

**Related Variables:** Transfer Mode, Referring Hospital; Time/Date of Arrival at the Referring Facility; Time/Date of Discharge from the Referring Facility; Referring Facility Admission Type; Trauma Surgeon Consultation; Time/Date of Consultation with the Trauma Surgeon

**Notes:** Facilities that provide emergency care services or are used to stabilize a patient are considered acute care facilities.

In accordance with the National Trauma Data Standard, a patient who is transferred from a private doctor's office or stand-alone ambulatory surgery center is not considered to be an interfacility transfer.

In Colorado, patients who come from urgent care clinics are not considered to be interfacility transfers.

Unlike the NTDS, which defines interfacility transfers as only including patients transported by EMS, in Colorado, interfacility transfers can involve transport either by EMS or by private vehicle.

Prior to 2008, this variable was imputed based on whether there were values for any of the related variables listed above.

**Data Type:** Text                      **Format:**           Length 3

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## **Trauma Center Arrival Date (HOSPITAL\_ARRIVAL\_DATE)**

**Definition:** The date the patient arrived at the ED or receiving unit of the Trauma Center of Record. Every patient should have a value for this field.

**Related Variables:** Trauma Center Arrival Time

**Examples:** 07/15/2006

**Notes:** Allows computation of time intervals.  
Used to compute hospital or ER length of stay.

**Data Type:** Date                      **Format:**           mm/dd/yyyy

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## **Trauma Center Arrival Time (HOSPITAL\_ARRIVAL\_TIME)**

**Definition:** The time of arrival in the ED or receiving unit of the Trauma Center of Record. Every patient should have a value for this field.

**Values:** 00:01 (midnight) through 23:59

**Related Variables:** Trauma Center Arrival Date

**Notes:** Allows computation of time intervals.  
Used to compute hospital or ER length of stay.

**Data Type:** Time                      **Format:** hh:mm

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## Trauma Team Activation (TEAM\_NOTIFIED)

**Definition:** The type of Trauma Team activation that occurred at the Trauma Center of Record.

**Values:** F = Full team activation  
P = Partial team activation  
N = No team activation  
NA = Not applicable (use for direct admits)  
UNK = Unknown or not documented

**Related** Triage Codes

**Variables:** E-Codes

**Notes:** This variable should reflect what actually happened, not whether or not the action was justified.

If no activation was called, enter "N", whether or not an activation should have been called.

Choices for "Full" and "Partial" team activation are provided for those facilities that have tiered activation criteria. Use "Full" or "Partial" as applicable to the definitions used at your facility.

Use "NA" for direct admits.

**Data Type:** Text      **Format:** Length 5

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## ED Disposition (ED\_DISPOSITION\_CODE)

**Definition:** Where did the patient go after leaving the ED?

**Values:** For analysis purposes, patients with the following ED disposition values are considered to be an INPATIENT

- ADMIT = Patient was admitted, but the exact location/service is unknown
- DIRECT = Patient did not come through the ED; but was admitted directly to the hospital
- FLOOR = Patient was sent to a floor (general admission, non-specialty unit bed)
- ICU = Patient went to the Intensive Care Unit
- OBS = Patient was admitted for observation (a unit that provides <24 hour stays)
- OR = Patient was taken to the operating room
- TELE= Telemetry/step-down unit (less acuity than ICU)

For analysis purposes, patients with the following ED disposition values are NOT considered to be an INPATIENT:

- AMA = Patient left the ED against medical advice
- D = Patient deceased/expired in the ED (prior to admission to the hospital)
- DSS= Patient was discharged to the Department of Social Services
- HH = Home with services
- HOME = Home without services
- JAIL = Patient was discharged from the ED to jail
- TRANS = Patient was transferred directly from the ED to another facility
- OTHER = Discharged to other location (e.g., institutional care, mental health)
- NA = Not applicable
- UNK = Unknown or not documented

**Related** Outcome

**Variables:** Arrival at Trauma Center Date & Time  
Hospital Admit Date & Time  
Discharge Date & Time

**Examples:** If Outcome = "D" and the death occurred before the patient was admitted as an inpatient, then ED disposition must be "D" (died in the ED) and Inpatient Disposition Code (DC\_DISPOSITION\_CODE) must be "NA".  
If Inpatient Disposition = "D", then ED disposition must not be "D".  
The values "OR", "ICU", "TELE", "FLOOR", "DIRECT", "OBS" and "ADMIT" are all considered admissions to the hospital, and the record should have a valid Inpatient Disposition Code (DC\_DISPOSITION\_CODE) and Hospital Admit Date & Time.

If the ED disposition is "D", "TRANS", "AMA", "HOME", "HH", "JAIL", "DSS", "OTHER", "NA", or "UNK", the patient was not admitted as an inpatient, so the Inpatient Disposition Code (DC\_DISPOSITION\_CODE) should be "NA".

If the Inpatient Disposition Code indicates that the patient was discharged after admission, ED disposition must be "OR", "ICU", "TELE", "FLOOR", "DIRECT", "OBS" or "ADMIT".



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## Hospital Admission Date (HOSPITAL\_ADMISSION\_DATE)

**Definition:** Date when the patient was admitted to the hospital as an inpatient. Any person who was admitted to the hospital as an inpatient MUST have a value in this field.

**Values:** Dates prior to 1/1/1997 are invalid.  
If the patient was not admitted to the hospital, this field should be left blank.

**Related Variables:** Hospital Admission Time, ER Disposition, Inpatient Disposition

**Examples:** 04/05/2007

**Notes:** This variable allows computation of time intervals including Length of Hospital Stay.

**Data Type:** Date                      **Format:** mm/dd/yyyy

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## Hospital Admission Time (HOSPITAL\_ADMISSION\_TIME)

**Definition:** Time when the patient was admitted to the hospital.

**Values:** 00:01 (midnight) through 23:59  
If the patient was not admitted to the hospital, this field should be left blank.

**Related Variables:** Hospital Admission Date, ER Disposition, Inpatient Disposition

**Notes:** This variable allows computation of time intervals including Length of Hospital Stay.

**Data Type:** Time                      **Format:** hh:mm

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## Hospital Departure Date (DISCHARGE\_DATE)

**Definition:** Date when the patient was discharged from the hospital or the ED. If the patient was not admitted to the hospital, then this is the date of discharge from the ED. If the patient died in the ED, then this is the date of death. **Values:** Dates prior to 1/1/1997 are invalid.

**Related Variables:** Hospital Discharge Time

**Examples:**

10/21/2005

Allows computation of time intervals.  
Used to compute hospital or ER length of stay  
Hospital discharge date - hospital admission date cannot be > 365 days

**Data Type:** Date **Format:** mm/dd/yyyy

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## Hospital Departure Time (DISCHARGE\_TIME)

**Definition:** Time when the patient was discharged from the hospital or the ED. If the patient was not admitted to the hospital, then this is the time of discharge from the ED. If the patient died in the ED, then this is the time of death.

**Values:** 00:01 (midnight) through 23:59

**Related Variables:** Hospital Discharge Date, Hospital Admission Date & Time

**Notes:**

Allows computation of time intervals.  
Used to compute hospital or ER length of stay.

**Data Type:** Time **Format:** hh:mm

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## Admitting Service (ADM\_SVC)

**Definition:** Primary hospital service responsible for the patient's care after admission.

**Values:** TRAUMA=Trauma Service  
ORTHO= Orthopedics  
BURN= Burn Unit  
NEURO= Neurosurgery  
OBGYN= Obstetrics/Gynecology  
OMFS= Oral-maxillo; dental; ENT  
OPHTH= Ophthalmology  
PEDS= Pediatrics  
PLAST= Plastic surgery  
UROL= Urology  
OTHER= Other surgical service (e.g., hand surgery)  
NON= Non-surgical services, such as internal medicine  
NA= Not applicable (the patient wasn't admitted)  
UNK= Unknown or not documented

**Data Type:** Text **Format:** Length 10

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## ICU Days (TOTAL\_DAYS\_ICU\_)

**Definition:** Number of 24-hour periods the patient spent in the ICU.

**Values:** Min = 0  
Max = 400

**Notes:** This value is calculated by TraumaBase. If the patient was not in the ICU, this variable will remain blank. This variable is recorded in full day increments with any partial day listed as a full day. If a patient is admitted and discharged on the same date, the LOS is one day.

**Data Type:** Number                      **Format:** Length 3

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## Total Ventilator Days (VENTDAYS)

**Definition:** The total number of patient days spent on a mechanical ventilator (including all episodes, but excluding time in the OR)

**Values:** Min = 0  
Max = 400

**Notes:** Recorded in full day increments with any partial day listed as a full day. If a patient begins and ends mechanical ventilation on the same date, the total ventilator days is one day. Non-invasive means of ventilatory support (CPAP or BIPAP) should not be considered in the calculation of ventilator days.

**Data Type:** Number                      **Format:** Length 3

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## Hospital Discharge Disposition (DC\_DISPOSITION\_CODE)

**Definition:** Where did the patient go after being discharged from trauma? (Applies only to patients admitted to the hospital; does not apply to ED-only patients)

**Values:** ACUTE = Discharged/transferred to another acute care hospital (NTDS1)  
AMA = Patient left the hospital against medical advice (NTDS4)  
D = Patient deceased/expired after hospital admission (NOT in ED) (NTDS5)  
DSS = Discharged to the Department of Social Services (NTDS14)  
HH = Discharged to home under care of a Home Health Agency (any outside agency that provides services after discharge, such as visiting nurse services) (NTDS3)  
HOME = Discharged to home/any residence with no home health services (NTDS6)  
HOSPICE = Discharged/transferred to hospice care (NTDS8)  
ICF = Discharged/transferred to an Intermediate Care Facility (NTDS2)  
JAIL = Discharged to law enforcement (NTDS10)  
LTAC = Discharged/transferred from trauma to a long-term acute care (LTAC) facility or a unit of the initial hospital for inpatient care including disposition or placement, not trauma or rehab service. (Modified 2014) (NTDS12)  
NHOME = Patient discharged to a nursing home or other long-term residential care facility (NTDS12)

PSYCH = Discharged to inpatient psychiatric care. This may be another facility or a division of the same facility (NTDS13)  
 REHAB = Discharged/transferred to an inpatient rehab facility (NTDS11)  
 SNF = Discharged/transferred to a Skilled Nursing Facility (NTDS7)  
 OTHER = Other (NTDS14)  
 NA = Not applicable (patient was never admitted as an inpatient; patient was an ED-only patient)  
 UNK = Unknown or not documented

**Variables:** Emergency Department Disposition  
 Arrival at Trauma Center Date & Time, Admit Date & Time, Discharge Date & Time

**Examples:** If Outcome = "D" and patient died after hospital admission value should be "D".  
 If the ED\_Disposition indicates that the patient was not admitted, this value should be "NA".  
 If a patient resided in a nursing home and returned to the nursing home after admission, the hospital discharge disposition should be NHOME, not HOME.  
 If the patient came from a SNF and returned to the SNF after admission, the hospital discharge disposition should be SNF, not HOME.  
 If the patient is discharged to a SNF for rehab, the hospital discharge disposition should be SNF, not REHAB. Code the location type, not what happens there.

**Notes:** This variable is very important in tracking the patient's progress through the system. It should be consistent with the ED\_Disposition.

**Data Type:** Text **Format:** Length 10

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## Patient's Destination Facility (DC\_Destination\_Code)

**Definition:** For patients who were transferred (from the ED or after inpatient status), this variable is the Facility ID code for the acute care facility the patient was transferred to.

**Values:** A list of facilities and codes is found in Appendix I.

NA = Not applicable (patient wasn't transferred from the ED or after inpatient status)

UNK = Unknown or not documented

**Notes:** Required only if the patient was transferred to another acute care facility.

**Data Type:** Number **Format:** Length 6

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## Autopsy (AUTOPSY)

<b>Definition:</b>	Was an autopsy done?		
<b>Values:</b>	YY = Yes, and the results are reflected in the diagnoses		
	YN = Yes, but the results are not reflected in the diagnoses		
	N = No		
	NA = Not applicable (the patient didn't die)		
	UNK = Unknown or not documented		
<b>Related</b>	ICD-9 Codes		
<b>Variables:</b>	Description of Diagnosis		
<b>Data Type:</b>	Text	<b>Format:</b>	Length 5

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## ICD-9-CM Code (ICD9)

<b>Definition:</b>	A diagnosis code from the ICD-9-CM coding system		
<b>Values:</b>	Values are 3 to 5 digit codes. There may be a decimal point and up to two digits after the decimal point. Valid codes for trauma are in the 800-999 range, as per the Inclusion/Exclusion criteria (see Section A).		
	NA = Not applicable		
	UNK = Unknown or not documented		
<b>Related</b>	Diagnosis Description		
<b>Variables:</b>	AIS Severity Level		
	AIS Body Region of Injury		
<b>Examples:</b>	920 = Contusion of face, neck, or scalp, except eyes		
	850.1 = Concussion; with brief loss of consciousness		
	820.21 = Fracture of neck of femur; closed pertrochanteric; intertrochanteric section		
<b>References:</b>	International Classification of Diseases, 9th Revision, Clinical Modification (ICD9-CM)		
<b>Notes:</b>	The null value "Not applicable" is used if not coding ICD-9.		

Cases should have at least one trauma-related ICD-9 code (as listed in the Inclusion/Exclusion criteria). The only exceptions are for: (1) patients who had your facility's highest level of trauma team activation, but were subsequently found to have no injuries or (2) readmissions, for which the reason for the readmission was a complication or failure of conservative management.

If you include diagnoses that were made at a facility other than your facility, please indicate "where" the diagnosis was made using the "Diagnosis\_Location" variable. Diagnoses made at another facility should only be included IF there is radiologic or operative confirmation of injuries and appropriate documentation from the other facility is available. Based on the diagnosis and the "diagnosis location" information, two ISS values will be calculated by the TraumaBase software: 1) an ISS based solely on the diagnoses made at your facility and 2) an ISS based on all

<b>Data Type:</b>	Text	<b>Format:</b>	Length 6
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**Data Source Hierarchy:**

1. Autopsy/Medical Examiner Report
2. Operative Reports
3. Radiology Reports
4. Physician's Notes
5. Trauma Flow Sheet
6. History and Physical
7. Nursing Notes/ Flow Sheet
8. Progress Notes
9. Discharge Summary

**Data Type:** Text                      **Format:** Length 6

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### **Source of Diagnostic Information (DX\_KNOWN)**

**Definition:** Where did the information regarding this diagnosis come from?

**Values:**

- A = Autopsy
- CT = CT Scan
- E = Physical Examination
- H = History
- MRI = MRI
- S = Surgery
- US = Ultrasound
- X = Xray
- NA = Not applicable
- UNK = Unknown or not documented

**Related** ICD-9 Codes

**Variables:** Description of Diagnosis

**Data Type:** Text                      **Format:** Length 5

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### **Location where Diagnosis was Determined (DIAGNOSIS\_LOCATION)**

**Definition:** Where was this diagnosis made?

**Values:**

- HERE = Your facility
- OTHER = Other facility

**Related** ICD-9 Codes

**Variables:** Description of Diagnosis

**Data Type:** Text                      **Format:** Length 5

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## AIS Code (AIS\_CODE)

**Definition:** An injury description code from the Abbreviated Injury Scale coding system.

**Values:** Values are 6 digits, a decimal point and a severity value.

NA = Not applicable

UNK = Unknown or not documented

**Related** Diagnosis Description

**Variables:** AIS Severity Level

AIS Body Region of Injury

ICD9/ICD10

**References:** The Abbreviated Injury Scale, 1990 Revision, Update 1998. The Association for the Advancement of Automotive Medicine. 2340 Des Plaines River Road, Suite 106. Des Plaines, IL 60018.

The Abbreviated Injury Scale, 2005 Revision, Update 2008. The Association for the Advancement of Automotive Medicine.

**Notes:** TraumaBase will download up to 15 diagnosis codes to the state registry.

**Data Type:** Text **Format:** Length 8

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## Diagnosis Description (DIAGNOSES)

**Definition:** A written description of the diagnosis that supports the assigned ICD-9/ICD-10 code and/or AIS code.

**Values:** Written description

NA = Not applicable

UNK = Unknown or not documented

**Related** ICD9/ICD10 codes

**Variables:** AIS Severity Level

AIS Body Region of Injury

**Examples:** Fx, Acetabulum, Closed RIGHT

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**Notes:** If you use the default diagnosis provided by TraumaBase, please provide additional information to justify the assignment of a particular ICD-9 code or AIS score.

**Data Type:** Memo **Format:** Any Length

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## AIS Score (AIS)

**Definition:** Severity level from the Abbreviated Injury Scale.

**Values:** 1 through 6 = Increasing severity  
9 = Severity undetermined  
NA = Not applicable  
UNK = Unknown or not documented

**Related** AIS Body Region of Injury

**Variables:** ICD9/ICD10 Codes

**References:** The Abbreviated Injury Scale, 2005 Revision, Update 2008. The Association for the Advancement of Automotive Medicine, 2340 Des Plaines River Road, Suite 106. Des Plaines, IL 60018.

**Notes:** An AIS score of 6 is used only for very specific injuries. The use of AIS 6 is not implied simply because the patient died. Only the following injuries are assigned an AIS of 6:

- Massive destruction (crush injury) of both cranium (skull) and brain
- Laceration of the brainstem
- Massive destruction (crush injury) of the brainstem
- Penetrating injury to the brainstem
- Decapitation
- Crush injury of the chest resulting in bilateral obliteration by external forces of a substantial portion of the chest cavity including internal organs
- Major laceration of the thoracic aorta with hemorrhage not confined to the mediastinum
- Laceration to the heart resulting in complex or ventricular rupture
- Multiple lacerations to the heart
- Hepatic avulsion (total separation of all vascular attachments of the liver)
- Injury to the spinal cord (contusion or laceration) resulting in complete cord syndrome (quadriplegia or paraplegia with no sensation) at C-3 or above, with or without fracture or dislocation of the spine
- Second or third degree burn to >90% total body surface area (incineration)
- High voltage electrical injury with cardiac arrest

For more information on assigning AIS, see Appendix VI.

**Data Type:** Text      **Format:** Length 3

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## Body Region of Injury (REGION)

**Definition:** The AIS anatomical region of injury.

**Values:**

ABD	= Abdomen or pelvic contents
ARM	= Arm
CHEST	= Chest
CS	= Cervical Spine
EXT	= External, <del>burns or other trauma</del>
FACE	= Face
HEAD	= Head
LEG	= Leg
LS	= Lumbar Spine
NECK	= Neck
TS	= Thoracic Spine
NA	= Not applicable
UNK	= Unknown or not documented

**Related** AIS, ISS

**Variables:** ICD9/ICD10 codes

**Examples:** Pelvic fractures (fractures to the acetabulum, ilium, ischium, coccyx, sacrum or pubic ramus) should be coded to Lower Extremity (LEG).  
Pelvic contents (injuries to anus, bladder, ovary, perineum, penis, scrotum, testes, urethra, uterus, vagina, and vulva) should be coded to ABD.  
Injuries to the diaphragm should be coded to CHEST.  
Retroperitoneal injuries or hematoma should be coded to ABD.  
Inhalation injuries should be coded to EXT.  
Electrical injuries should be coded to EXT.  
Hypothermia should be coded to EXT.

**References:** The Abbreviated Injury Scale, 2005 Revision, Update 2008. The Association for the Advancement of Automotive Medicine, 2340 Des Plaines River Road, Suite 106. Des Plaines, IL 60018.

**Notes:** The 11 AIS body regions can be converted to the 6 ISS body regions:

1. Head/Neck: Includes AIS regions of HEAD, NECK and CS
2. Face: Includes AIS region of FACE
3. Chest: Includes AIS region of CHEST (Thorax) and TS
4. Abdomen or Pelvic contents: Includes AIS regions of ABD and LS
5. Extremities or Pelvic girdle: Includes AIS regions of Upper Extremity (ARM) and Lower Extremity (LEG)
6. External: ~~Includes all superficial injuries and external burns, lacerations, contusions and abrasions, independent of their location on the body surface~~

**Data Type:** Text      **Format:** Length 10

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## AIS Version (SEVERITY\_METHOD)

**Definition:** Version of the Abbreviated Injury Scale used for AIS assignment.

**Values:** 05 = AIS 2005  
08 = Update 2008  
~~NA = Not applicable~~  
~~UNK = Unknown or not documented~~

**Related** AIS Code (full code)

**Variables:** AIS Severity value  
Body Region

**References:** The Abbreviated Injury Scale, 2005 Revision, Update 2008. The Association for the Advancement of Automotive Medicine, 2340 Des Plaines River Road, Suite 106. Des Plaines, IL 60018.

**Notes:** For more information on assigning AIS, see Appendix VI.

**Data Type:** Number **Format:** Length 3

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## Injury Severity Score (ISS)

**Definition:** Injury Severity Score.

**Values:** Range: 1 to 75.  
99 = Not applicable, not calculable

**Related** AIS Severity Level

**Variables:** AIS Body Region of Injury

**References:** The Abbreviated Injury Scale, 2005 Revision, 2008 Update. The Association for the Advancement of Automotive Medicine, 2340 Des Plaines River Road, Suite 106. Des Plaines, IL 60018.

**Notes:** For users of TraumaBase software, this value is calculated by the software.

**Data Type:** Number **Format:** Length 2

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## Co-morbid Conditions (RISK\_TYPE)

**Definition:** Disease processes or conditions that existed in the patient PRIOR TO INJURY that could affect patient survivability and functional outcome

<b>Values:</b>	ABUSE	= Drug use disorder (NTDS28)
	ADD	= Attention Deficit disorder/attention deficit hyperactivity disorder (ADD/ADHD) NTDS30
	ANGINA	= History of angina within 30 days (NTDS16)
	ANOM	= Congenital anomalies (NTDS6)
	CA	= Disseminated cancer (NTDS12)
	CHEMO	= Currently receiving chemotherapy for cancer (NTDS5)
	CHF	= Congestive heart failure (NTDS7)
	CIRRH	= Cirrhosis (NTDS25)
	COAG	= Bleeding disorder or on anticoagulants (NTDS4)
	CVA	= Cerebrovascular accident (NTDS10)
	DEM	= Dementia (NEW, 2014; NTDS26)
	DEP	= Functionally dependent health status (NTDS15)
	DIAL	= Chronic renal failure (NTDS9)
	DM	= Diabetes mellitus (NTDS11)
	DNR	= Do not resuscitate (DNR) or similar advanced directive recorded prior to injury (NTDS13)
	ETOH	= Alcohol use disorder (NTDS2)
	HTN	= Hypertension requiring medication (NTDS19)
	MI	= History of myocardial infarction within past 6 months (NTDS17)
	PREM	= Prematurity (NTDS21)
	PSY	= Major psychiatric illness (NEW, 2014; NTDS27)
	RAP	= History of PVD (NTDS18)
	RESP	= Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease (COPD; NTDS23)
	SMOKER	= Current smoker (NTDS8)
	STEROID	= Steroid use, oral or parenteral, in the 30 days prior to injury for a chronic medical condition. Does not include steroids received topically or by inhalation (NTDS24)
	OTHER	= Other (a co-morbidity not mentioned above) (NTDS1)
	NA	= For patients with no known co-morbid conditions (NTDS Null/NA)

**Notes:** For any co-morbid condition to be valid there must be a diagnosis noted in the patient medical record that meets the definition noted in the Glossary of Terms, below.

The presence of co-morbidities is used for risk-adjustment in outcome analysis.

Definitions for all of these co-morbidities can be found in the 2014 National Trauma Data Standard data dictionary in Appendix 3: Glossary of Terms at <http://www.ntdsdictionary.org/documents/2014NTDSDataDictionary.pdf>) and are also provided below, in the Glossary of Terms.

### Glossary of Terms:

ABUSE = ~~Drug or dependence (NTDS 28): With particular attention to opioid, sedative, amphetamine, cocaine, diazepam, alprazolam, or lorazepam dependence (excludes ADD/ADHD or chronic pain with medication use as prescribed.)~~

(Consistent with APA DSM 5): Diagnosis of drug use disorder documented in the patient medical record.

- ADD = History of a disorder involving inattention, hyperactivity or impulsivity requiring medication for treatment.
- ANGINA = History of angina within 30 days (NTDS 16): Pain or discomfort between the diaphragm and the mandible resulting from myocardial ischemia. Typically angina is a dull, diffuse (fist sized or larger) sub sternal chest discomfort precipitated by exertion or emotion and relieved by rest or nitroglycerine. Radiation often occurs to the arms and shoulders and occasionally to the neck, jaw (mandible, not maxilla), or interscapular region. For patients on anti-angina medications, enter yes only if the patient has had angina within one month prior to admission.
- ANOM = Congenital anomalies (NTDS 6): Documentation of a cardiac, pulmonary, body wall, CNS/spinal, GI, renal, orthopaedic, or metabolic congenital anomaly.
- CA = Disseminated cancer (NTDS 12): Patients who have cancer that has spread to one site or more sites in addition to the primary site, AND in whom the presence of multiple metastases indicates the cancer is widespread, fulminant, or near terminal. Other terms describing disseminated cancer include: "diffuse," "widely metastatic," "widespread," or "carcinomatosis." Common sites of metastases include major organs, (e.g., brain, lung, liver, meninges, abdomen, peritoneum, pleura, and bone.)
- CHEMO = Currently receiving chemotherapy for cancer (NTDS 5): A patient who is currently receiving any chemotherapy treatment for cancer prior to admission. Chemotherapy may include, but is not restricted to, oral and parenteral treatment with chemotherapeutic agents for malignancies such as colon, breast, lung, head and neck, and gastrointestinal solid tumors as well as lymphatic and hematopoietic malignancies such as lymphoma, leukemia, and multiple myeloma.
- CHF = Congestive heart failure (NTDS 7): The inability of the heart to pump a sufficient quantity of blood to meet the metabolic needs of the body or can do so only at an increased ventricular filling pressure. To be included, this condition must be noted in the medical record as CHF, congestive heart failure, or pulmonary edema with onset of increasing symptoms within 30 days prior to injury. Common manifestations are:
- Abnormal limitation in exercise tolerance due to dyspnea or fatigue
  - Orthopnea (dyspnea on lying supine)
  - Paroxysmal nocturnal dyspnea (awakening from sleep with dyspnea)
  - Increased jugular venous pressure
  - Pulmonary rales on physical examination
  - Cardiomegaly
  - Pulmonary vascular engorgement
- CIRRH = Cirrhosis (NTDS 25): Documentation in the medical record of cirrhosis, which might also be referred to as end stage liver disease. If there is documentation of prior or present esophageal or gastric varices, portal hypertension, previous

hepatic encephalopathy, or ascites with notation of liver disease, then cirrhosis should be considered present. Cirrhosis should also be considered present if documented by diagnostic imaging studies or a laparotomy/laparoscopy.

- COAG = Bleeding disorder or on anticoagulants (NTDS 4): Any condition that places the patient at risk for excessive bleeding due to a deficiency of blood clotting elements (e.g., vitamin K deficiency, hemophilia, thrombocytopenia, chronic anticoagulation therapy with Coumadin, Plavix, or similar medications.) Do not include patients on chronic aspirin therapy.
- CVA = CVA/residual neurological deficit (NTDS 10): A history prior to injury of a cerebrovascular accident (embolic, thrombotic, or hemorrhagic) with persistent residual motor sensory or cognitive dysfunction (e.g., hemiplegia, hemiparesis, aphasia, sensory deficit, impaired memory.)
- DEM = Dementia (NTDS 26): ~~With particular attention to senile or vascular dementia (e.g., Alzheimer's.)~~ Documentation in the patient's medical record of dementia including senile or vascular dementia (e.g., Alzheimer's.)
- DEP= Pre-injury functional status may be represented by the ability of the patient to complete activities of daily living (ADL) including: bathing, feeding, dressing, toileting, and walking. This item is marked YES if the patient, prior to injury, was partially dependent or completely dependent upon equipment, devices or another person to complete some or all activities of daily living. Formal definitions of dependency are listed below:
- Partially dependent:* The patient requires the use of equipment or devices coupled with assistance from another person for some activities of daily living. Any patient coming from a nursing home setting who is not totally dependent would fall into this category, as would any patient who requires kidney dialysis or home ventilator support that requires chronic oxygen therapy yet maintains some independent functions.
- Totally dependent:* The patient cannot perform any activities of daily living for himself/herself. This would include a patient who is totally dependent upon nursing care, or a dependent nursing home patient. All patients with psychiatric illness should be evaluated for their ability to function with or without assistance with ADLs just as the non-psychiatric patient.
- DIAL = Acute or chronic renal failure prior to injury that was requiring periodic peritoneal dialysis, hemodialysis, hemofiltration, or hemodiafiltration.
- DM = Diabetes mellitus prior to injury that required exogenous parenteral insulin or an oral hypoglycemic agent.
- DNR = The patient had a Do Not Resuscitate (DNR) document or similar advanced directive recorded prior to injury.
- ETOH = ~~Evidence of chronic use, such as withdrawal episodes. Exclude isolated elevated~~

~~blood alcohol level in absence of history of abuse.~~ (Consistent with APA DSM 5):  
Diagnosis of alcohol use disorder documented in the patient medical record.

- HTN = History of a persistent elevation of systolic blood pressure >140mm Hg and a diastolic blood pressure >90mm Hg requiring an antihypertensive treatment (e.g., diuretics, beta blockers, angiotensin-converting enzyme (ACE) inhibitors, calcium channel blockers.)
- MI = The history of a non-Q wave, or a Q wave infarction in the six months prior to injury and diagnosed in the patient's medical record.
- PHRES = A sudden, abrupt loss of cardiac function which occurs outside of the hospital, prior to admission at the center in which the registry is maintained, that results in loss of consciousness requiring the initiation of any component of basic and/or advanced cardiac life support by a health care provider.
- PREM = Documentation of premature birth, a history of bronchopulmonary dysplasia, or ventilator support for greater than 7 days after birth. Premature birth is defined as infants delivered before 37 weeks from the first day of the last menstrual period.
- PSY = Documentation of the presence of pre-injury major depressive disorder, bipolar disorder, schizophrenia, anxiety/panic disorder, borderline or antisocial personality disorder, and/or adjustment disorder/post-traumatic stress disorder.
- RAP = Any type of operative (open) or interventional radiology angioplasty or revascularization procedure for atherosclerotic PVD (e.g., aorta-femoral, femoral-femoral, femoral-popliteal, balloon angioplasty, stenting, etc.) Patients who have had amputation from trauma or resection/repair of abdominal aortic aneurysms, including Endovascular Repair of Abdominal Aortic Aneurysm (EVAR,) would not be included.
- RESP = Severe chronic lung disease, chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD) such as emphysema and/or chronic bronchitis resulting in any one of more of the following:
- Functional disability from COPD (e.g., dyspnea, inability to perform activities of daily living [ADLs].)
  - Hospitalization in the past for treatment of COPD.
  - Requires chronic bronchodilator therapy with oral or inhaled agents.
  - A Forced Expiratory Volume in 1 second (FEV1) of <75% of predicted on pulmonary function testing.
  - Do not include patients whose only pulmonary disease is acute asthma. Do not include patients with diffuse interstitial fibrosis or sarcoidosis.
- SMOKER = A patient who reports smoking cigarettes every day or some days. Excludes patients who smoke cigars or pipes or use smokeless tobacco (chewing tobacco or snuff.)
- STEROID = Patients that required the regular administration of oral or parenteral corticosteroid medications (e.g., prednisone, dexamethasone in the 30 days prior to injury for a chronic medical condition (e.g., COPD, asthma, rheumatologic disease,

rheumatoid arthritis, inflammatory bowel disease.) Do not include topical corticosteroids applied to the skin or corticosteroids administered by inhalation or rectally.

**VAR =** Esophageal varices are engorged collateral veins in the esophagus which bypass a scarred liver to carry portal blood to the superior vena cava. A sustained increase in portal pressure results in esophageal varices which are most frequently demonstrated by direct visualization at esophagoscopy.

**References:** "The Effect of Preexisting Conditions on Mortality in Trauma Patients", JA Morris et al. JAMA 263: 1942-1946. 1990.

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## Triage Codes (TRIAGE\_CODES)

**Definition:** The triage criteria USED BY THE PREHOSPITAL CARE PROVIDER to decide where (which facility) the patient should be taken.

**Values:** NONE = No triage criteria met

AMPUT = Amputation or near amputation above the wrist or ankle. Amputations of the finger do not meet these criteria.

BLAST = High energy dissipation from explosion, high pressure, etc.

BLUNT = Significant blunt trauma. Defined as blunt trauma with physiologic compromise as evidenced by Systolic BP <90 or Pulse >120 or respiratory rate <10 or >29 or requiring endotracheal intubation. For children under age 15, physiologic compromise is evidenced by BP < lower limits for age or tachycardia for age and signs of poor perfusion (capillary refill time >2 seconds, cool extremities, decreased pulses, altered mental status, poor color or respiratory compromise).

BURNS = > 20% total body surface area burn or burns involving the face, airway, hands, feet or genitalia (CO)

BURN = Burns

BURNT= Burns with trauma

CHEST = Flail chest. This code is NOT for all chest injuries, only for flail chest. If this triage code is selected, one of the diagnoses should be flail chest (807.4)

COAG= Patient on anticoagulants, bleeding disorders

CRASH = High energy transfer situations such as an MVA with significant vehicle body damage (e.g., bent steering wheel, structural damage) or any motorcycle, ATV or bicycle crash. Also includes a skier hitting a tree.

DEATH = Death of an occupant in the same car

EJECT = Crash ejection (partial or complete) from automobile

ELEC = High energy electrical injury

EXTREM = Crushed, degloved or mangled extremity

EXTRIC = Prolonged extrication time (>20 minutes)

FALL = A fall from a height > 20 feet or for pediatric patients from a level more

than or equal to twice the height of the child. Falls from the same level, from furniture, from a horse/bike etc. do not meet these criteria.

FX = Fracture of a long bone, in conjunction with an injury to another region. Long bones include femur, tibia/fib, and humerus. An isolated long bone fracture does not meet these criteria. This triage code should only be used when there is a long bone FX in addition to at least one other area of injury (CHEST, HEAD, ABDOMEN, etc). The AIS of the injuries to the other areas should be 2 or greater.

FX2 = Two or more proximal long bone fractures (humerus and/or femur)

GCS10 = Altered mental status (GCS<10) with significant trauma

GCS10N = Altered mental status (GCS<10) with focal neurologic deficit

GCS 14 = Glasgow Coma Scale <=13

GSBP = for adults >65; systolic blood pressure <110

JUDGE = EMS provider judgment

MULT = Multisystem blunt injury. Injuries were sustained in 2 or more of the 6 AIS body regions. The injuries must have a severity of AIS = 2 or greater. If this triage code is selected, the Trauma Type should be "BLUNT".

PED = Pedestrian hit by vehicle traveling >20 mph or thrown >15 feet

PELV = Pelvic fractures to the acetabulum, ilium, ischium, coccyx, sacrum, or pubic ramus

PELV value was added in 2016

PELVFX = Pelvic fracture, in conjunction with an injury to another region. An isolated pelvic fracture does not meet these criteria. This triage code should only be used when there is a pelvic FX in addition to at least one other area of injury (CHEST, HEAD, ABDOMEN, etc). The AIS of the injuries to the other areas should be 2 or greater.

PEN = Penetrating trauma to the thorax, abdomen or neck. If this triage code is selected, the Trauma Type should be "PENETRATING".

PEN2=Penetrating trauma to the head or extremities above the knee or elbow. If this triage code is selected, the Trauma Type should be "PENETRATING".

PREG20= >20 weeks

SKULL =Open or depressed skull fracture

SPINE = Spinal cord injury with neurologic deficit

**Notes:** This variable should only be completed when the patient is transported by EMS to the hospital. If the patient arrived by private vehicle or walked in, this variable should not be completed.

Although these triage codes should reflect the intent of the prehospital care provider, this information is more likely to be noted upon arrival to the ED (information found on the ED encounter form rather than the prehospital trip sheet).

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## Serial Assessment (VS\_NUMBER)

<b>Definition:</b>	Codes for the time and place of the serial assessment (Vital Signs and Glasgow Coma Scale scores)		
<b>Values:</b>	1 = First set of VS/GCS at the injury scene 2 = On arrival to your facility (either ED or direct admit) 3 = One hour after ED arrival or at discharge from the ED		
<b>Notes:</b>	Serial assessments include measures of Respiratory Rate, Pulse, Systolic Blood Pressure, O2 saturation, temperature, and the Glasgow Eye, Motor, and Verbal Scores. The three assessment times listed above are standard. If you have vital sign information collected at other times/places (for example, at another hospital prior to transfer to your facility), you can collect that information and assign a value for "Serial Assessment" that is NOT "1", "2", or "3". Only the values for assessments "1", "2", and "3" will be downloaded to the state registry. For assessment "3", the vital signs and GCS should be taken as close as possible to one hour after ED arrival, or if the person is discharged from the ED in less than one hour after arrival, then at the time of discharge from the ED.		
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## Date of the Assessment (VS\_DATE)

<b>Definition:</b>	The date of the current assessment		
<b>Data Type:</b>	Date	<b>Format:</b>	mm/dd/yyyy

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## Time of the Assessment (VS\_TIME)

<b>Definition:</b>	The military time of the current assessment		
<b>Values:</b>	00:01 (midnight) through 23:59		
<b>Examples:</b>	00:01 = Midnight 12:00 = Noon 13:00 = 1:00 pm		
<b>Data Type:</b>	Time	<b>Format:</b>	hh:mm

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## Respiratory Rate at Assessment (RESP\_RATE)

**Definition:** Respiratory rate

**Values:** Min = 0  
Max = 120  
NA = Not applicable  
UNK = Unknown or not documented

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## Initial ED/Hospital Respiratory Assistance (ASSISTING)

**Definition:** Determination of respiratory assistance associated with the initial ED/hospital respiratory rate

**Values:** N = Unassisted respiratory rate  
Y = Assisted respiratory rate  
NA = Not applicable  
UNK = Unknown or not documented

**Notes:** Only complete if a value is provided for "Initial ED/Hospital Respiratory Rate." Respiratory assistance is defined as mechanical and/or external support of respiration.

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## Pulse Rate at Assessment (PULSE)

**Definition:** Pulse rate (palpated or auscultated)

**Values:** Min = 0  
Max = 299  
NA = Not applicable  
UNK = Unknown or not documented

**Note:** Measurement recorded must be without the assistance of CPR or any type of mechanical chest compression device. For those patients who are receiving CPR or any type of mechanical chest compressions, report the value obtained while compressions are paused.

**Data Type:** Text **Format:** Length 3

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## Systolic Blood Pressure at Assessment (SYS\_BP)

**Definition:** Systolic Blood Pressure

**Values:** Min = 0  
Max = 300  
NA = Not applicable  
UNK = Unknown or not documented

**Note:** Measurement recorded must be without the assistance of CPR or any type of mechanical chest compression device. For those patients who are receiving CPR or any type of mechanical chest compressions, report the value obtained while compressions are paused.

**Data Type:** Text                      **Format:** Length 3

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## Oxygen Saturation at Assessment (OXIMETRY)

**Definition:** Oxygen saturation (expressed as a percentage)

**Values:** Min = 0  
Max = 100  
NA = Not applicable  
UNK = Unknown or not documented

**Notes:** For Serial 1 (field vitals), this value should be based upon assessment before administration of supplemental oxygen.

**Data Type:** Text                      **Format:** Length 3

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## Supplemental Oxygen (VS\_O2)

**Definition:** Determination of the presence of supplemental oxygen during assessment of the oxygen saturation level

**Values:** N = No supplemental oxygen  
Y = Supplemental oxygen  
NA = Not applicable  
UNK = Unknown or not documented

**Data Type:** Text                      **Format:** Length 3

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## Temperature at Assessment (TEMPS)

**Definition:** Temperature in degrees Celsius (centigrade)

**Values:** Min = 0  
Max = 45  
NA = Not applicable  
UNK = Unknown or not documented

**Data Type:** Text                      **Format:** Length 3

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## Glasgow Eye Score at Assessment (EYE\_OPENING)

**Definition:** The eye-opening component of the Glasgow Coma Scale

**Values:** 1 = Does not open eyes  
2 = Opens eyes in response to painful stimulation  
3 = Opens eyes in response to verbal stimulation  
4 = Opens eyes spontaneously  
NA = Not applicable  
UNK = Unknown or not documented

**References:** See references listed under Glasgow Coma Scale Score.

**Notes:** If a patient had more than one Glasgow Eye Score recorded at this assessment, enter the first value for which all GCS components and vital signs are recorded.

**Data Type:** Text                      **Format:** Length 3

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## Glasgow Motor Score at Assessment (MOTOR\_RESPONSE)

**Definition:** The motor component of the Glasgow Coma Scale

**Values:** For patients >5 years old:

- 1 = None (no motor response)
- 2 = Extensor posturing in response to painful stimulation
- 3 = Flexor posturing in response to painful stimulation
- 4 = General withdrawal in response to painful stimulation
- 5 = Localization of painful stimulation
- 6 = Obeys commands with appropriate motor response
- 9 = Not assessed
- NA = Not applicable
- UNK = Unknown or not documented

For patient's age 5 years or younger:

- 1 = None (no motor response)
- 2 = Extensor posturing in response to painful stimulation
- 3 = Flexor posturing in response to painful stimulation
- 4 = General withdrawal in response to painful stimulation
- 5 = Localization of painful stimulation
- 6 = Spontaneous
- 9 = Not assessed

NA = Not applicable

UNK = Unknown or not documented

**References:** See references listed under Glasgow Coma Scale Score.

**Notes:** If the patient had more than one Glasgow Motor Score recorded at this assessment, enter the first value for which all GCS components and vital signs are recorded.

**Data Type:** Text **Format:** Length 3

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## Glasgow Verbal Score at Assessment (VERBAL\_RESPONSE)

**Definition:** The verbal component of the Glasgow Coma Scale

**Values:** For patients >5 years old:

- 1 = None
- 2 = Non-specific, incomprehensible sounds
- 3 = Inappropriate words
- 4 = Confused conversation or speech
- 5 = Oriented and appropriate speech
- 9 = Not assessed
- NA = Not applicable
- UNK = Unknown or not documented

For patients 2-5 years old:

- 1 = None
- 2 = Grunts
- 3 = Cries and/or screams
- 4 = Inappropriate words
- 5 = Appropriate words
- 9 = Not assessed
- NA = Not applicable
- UNK = Unknown or not documented

For patients 0-23 months:

- 1 = None. No vocal response
- 2 = Inconsolable, agitated
- 3 = Inconsistently consolable, moaning
- 4 = Cries but is consolable, inappropriate interactions
- 5 = Smiles, oriented to sounds, follows objects, interacts
- 9 = Not assessed
- NA = Not applicable
- UNK = Unknown or documented

**References:** See references listed under Glasgow Coma Scale Score.

**Notes:** If the patient had more than one Glasgow Verbal Score recorded at this assessment, enter the first value for which all components of the GCS and vital signs are recorded.

**Data Type:** Text **Format:** Length 3

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## Glasgow Coma Scale Score at Assessment (GLASGOW)

**Definition:** The first Glasgow Coma Scale score recorded at this assessment (sum of eye, verbal and motor components)

**Values:** Range = 3 to 15  
99 = Can't be determined  
NA = Not Applicable  
UNK = Unknown or not documented

**Related Variables:** Glasgow Eye Score, Glasgow Verbal Score, Glasgow Motor Score

**References:** "Aspects of coma after severe head injury". B Jennett, G Teasdale. Lancet 1 (Apr 23): 878-81. 1977.

"Problems with initial Glasgow Coma Scale assessment caused by prehospital treatment of patients with head injuries: results of a national survey." DW Marion, PM Carlier. J. Trauma 36: 89-95. 1994.

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**Notes:** If the patient had more than one Glasgow Coma Score recorded, enter the first value for which all the GCS components and vital signs are recorded.

If the patient does not have a numeric GCS recorded, but there is documentation related to their level of consciousness such as "AAOx3", "awake, alert, oriented", or "patient with normal mental status", interpret this as GCS of 15, IF there is no contradicting documentation.

GCS<9 = Severe injury

9-11 = Moderately severe injury

12-14= Minor injury

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## Patient Intubated at the time of GCS Assessment (INTUBATED)

**Definition:** Was the patient intubated at the time the GCS was measured?

**Values:** Y = Yes  
N = No  
NA = Not applicable  
UNK = Unknown or not documented

**Related Variables:** Glasgow Eye Score; Glasgow Verbal Score; Glasgow Motor Score;

Glasgow Coma Score

**Data Type:** Text      **Format:** Length 3

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## Paralytics Administered at the Time of Assessment (PARALYTICS)

**Definition:** Documentation of factors potentially affecting the first assessment of GCS upon arrival in the ED/hospital.

**Values:** S = Patient chemically sedated  
SI = Patient chemically sedated and intubated  
SO = Patient chemically sedated and obstruction to eye  
SIO = Patient chemically sedated, intubated, and obstruction to eye  
I = Patient intubated  
IO = Patient intubated and obstruction to eye  
O = Obstruction to the patient's eye  
NA = Not applicable (patient was not sedated, not intubated, and did not have an obstruction to the eye)  
UNK = Unknown or not documented

**Notes:** Identifies treatments given to the patient that might affect the assessment of the GCS. This field does not apply to self-medications the patient might administer (e.g., ETOH, prescription meds).

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## Pre-hospital Cardiac Arrest (PREHOSPCARDIACARREST)

**Definition:** Indication of whether patient experienced cardiac arrest prior to ED/Hospital arrival.

**Values:** Y= Yes  
N= No

**Notes:** A patient who experienced a sudden cessation of cardiac activity. The patient was unresponsive with no normal breathing and no signs of circulation.

The event must have occurred outside of the reporting hospital, prior to admission at the center in which the registry is maintained. Pre-hospital cardiac arrest could occur at a transferring institution.

Any component of basic and /or advanced cardiac life support must have been initiated by a health care provider.

**Data Source Hierarchy:** 1. EMS Run Report  
2. Nursing Notes/ Flow Sheet  
3. History and Physical  
4. Transfer Notes

**Data Type:** Text **Format:** Length 3

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## **Trip Number (TRANSPORT\_SEQ)**

**Definition:** Numeric counter for a particular transport in the series of transports beginning at the scene of the injury and finishing at a designated trauma center

**Values:** Whole numbers from 1 to the number of separate transports.

**Examples:** The trip number should reflect the chronologic sequence of the trip(s).  
For example, if the patient was transported from the scene to your hospital, there would only be one “trip” and trip number would = 1.  
If the patient was taken from the scene to another hospital, then transferred from that hospital to your hospital, there would be two “trips”. The transport from the scene to the first hospital would be trip number 1 and the transport from the first hospital to your hospital would be trip number 2.  
If a patient was taken from the scene by ground EMS to a rendezvous point, then flown by helicopter to your facility, there would be two “trips”. The transport from the scene to the rendezvous point would be trip number 1 and the transport from the rendezvous point to your facility would be trip number 2.

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## **Transport Origin (TRANSPORT\_ORIGIN)**

**Definition:** The origin of this leg of the transport

**Values:** HOME = Home  
SCENE = Injury Scene  
FACILITY or [FacID] = Patient came from another facility. If the facility is on the Facility Code List in Appendix I, enter the Facility ID. If not, enter "FACILITY".  
RENDEZVOUS = A rendezvous site  
OTHER = Other

**Notes:** If the person was injured elsewhere, returned home, then called for EMS, select “HOME”. If the person was injured at home and EMS picked up the patient at home, select “SCENE”.

**Data Type:** Text                      **Format:** Length 10

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## **Transport Destination (TRANSPORT\_DESTINATION)**

**Definition:** The destination of this leg of the transport

**Values:** FACILITY or [FacID] = If the facility is on the Facility Code List in Appendix I, enter the Facility ID. If not, enter "FACILITY".  
RENDEZVOUS = A rendezvous site  
OTHER = Other  
NA = Not applicable  
UNK = Unknown

**Notes:**

**Data Type:** Text                      **Format:** Length 10

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## Transport Mode (TRANS)

**Definition:** Mode of transport for this leg of transport to the Trauma Center of Record.

**Values:** AMB = Ground ambulance  
HELI = Helicopter ambulance  
POV = Private or public vehicle/Walk-in  
POL = Police vehicle  
WING = Fixed wing ambulance  
SP = Ski Patrol  
OTHER = A transport mode other than the ones listed above  
NA = Not applicable  
UNK = Unknown or not documented

**Related Variables:** If the patient was transported by ground ambulance, helicopter, or fixed wing aircraft, prehospital response time variables, triage codes and field vital signs should also be completed.

**Data Type:** Text **Format:** Length 5

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## Other Transport Mode (TRANS\_OTHER)

**Definition:** All other modes of transport used during patient care event, except the mode delivering the patient to the hospital.

**Values:** AMB = Ambulance  
HELI = Helicopter ambulance  
POV = Private or public vehicle/Walk-in  
POL = Police vehicle  
WING = Fixed wing ambulance  
OTHER = A transport mode other than those listed above  
NA = Not applicable  
UNK = Unknown or not documented

**Notes:** Allows data to be evaluated based on mode of transport utilized to reach the hospital.

**Data Type:** Text **Format:** Length 5

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## Transport Agency (TRANSPORT\_AGENCY\_CODE)

**Definition:** Alphanumeric code for the prehospital agency or provider transporting the patient on this leg of the transport

**Values:** A list of codes for prehospital care providers is found in Appendix II.

**Examples:** 02-01 = Alamosa County Ambulance Service  
16-02 = Denver Health Paramedic Division

**Notes:** Transport Agency codes are in the form nn-nn, where the first pair of numbers denotes the county where the agency is registered and the second pair of numbers after the dash is a counter of agencies within the county.

**Data Type:** Text **Format:** Length 5

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## Transport Record Number (TRANSPORT\_RECORD\_NO)

**Definition:** Identification number for this transport from the EMS trip report.

**Values:** Alphanumeric record identification number

NA = Not applicable

UNK = Unknown or not documented

**Notes:** The Transport Record Number will be used to link this transport to the prehospital database.

**Data Type:** Text                      **Format:**                      Length 15

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## Patient Tracking Number (EMS\_TRACKING\_NO)

**Definition:** A tracking number assigned to the patient by EMS, so that the patient can be tracked through all aspects of care.

**Values:** Alphanumeric record identification number

NA = Not applicable

UNK = Unknown or not documented

**Notes:** Some RETACs have expressed interest in using a "band" system with a unique tracking number that would enable them to track a patient from the field to the ER through hospitalization and potentially rehab. This field allows for collection of a unique identifier that could be used throughout all aspects of the patient's care.

**Data Type:** Text                      **Format:**                      Length 15

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## Transport Personnel Training Level (TRANSPORT\_LEVEL)

**Definition:** The highest level of training for personnel involved in this leg of the transport.

**Values:** ALS = Advance Life Support

BLS = Basic Life Support

NONE = Neither ALS nor BLS

NA = Not applicable (the person was not transported by EMS)

UNK = Unknown or not documented

**Notes:** Do not enter "Both". Use only the highest level.

If the patient was transported by private vehicle, police or walked-in, use "NA".

**Data Type:** Text                      **Format:** Length 5

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## Distance (DISTANCE)

**Definition:** Distance in miles from the scene of injury to the first receiving facility.  
**Values:** Use whole miles if over 5 miles. Use miles and tenths if less than 5 miles.  
NA = Not applicable  
UNK = Unknown or not documented  
**Notes:** Even a rough estimate would be helpful.  
**Data Type:** Text      **Format:** Length 5

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## Transport Agency Notification Date (NOTIFY\_DATE)

**Definition:** The date the prehospital agency responsible for this leg of the transport was notified.  
**Related** Transport Agency Notification Time  
**Variables:**  
**Examples:** 02/16/2007  
**Notes:** Allows computation of time intervals.  
**Data Type:** Date      **Format:** mm/dd/yyyy

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## Transport Agency Notification Time (NOTIFY\_TIME)

**Definition:** The time the prehospital agency responsible for this leg of the transport was notified.  
**Values:** 00:01 (midnight) through 23:59  
**Related** Transport Agency Notification Date  
**Variables:**  
**Data Type:** Time      **Format:** hh:mm

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## Transport Agency Mobilization Date (DATE\_OUT)

**Definition:** The date the prehospital agency was mobilized (left the Base).  
**Related** Transport Agency Mobilization Time  
**Variables:**  
**Examples:** 04/19/2007  
**Notes:** Allows computation of time intervals.  
**Data Type:** Date      **Format:** mm/dd/yyyy

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## Transport Agency Mobilization Time (TIME\_OUT)

**Definition:** The time the prehospital agency was mobilized (left the Base).

**Values:** 00:01 (midnight) through 23:59

**Related** Transport Agency Mobilization Date

**Variables:**

**Data Type:** Time      **Format:** hh:mm

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## Transport Scene Arrival Date (ARRIVAL\_DATE)

**Definition:** The date the prehospital agency arrived at the scene.

**Related** Transport Scene Arrival Time

**Variables:**

**Examples:** 03/26/2007

**Notes:** Allows computation of time intervals.

**Data Type:** Date      **Format:** mm/dd/yyyy

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## Transport Scene Arrival Time (ARRIVAL\_TIME)

**Definition:** The time the prehospital agency arrived at the scene.

**Values:** 00:01 (midnight) through 23:59

**Related** Transport Scene Arrival Date

**Variables:**

**Data Type:** Time      **Format:** hh:mm

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## Transport Scene Departure Date (DEPARTURE\_DATE)

**Definition:** The date the prehospital agency departed from the scene.

**Related** Transport Scene Departure Time

**Variables:**

**Examples:** 03/29/2007

**Notes:** Allows computation of time intervals.

**Data Type:** Date      **Format:** mm/dd/yyyy

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## Transport Scene Departure Time (DEPARTURE\_TIME)

**Definition:** The time the prehospital agency departed from the scene.

**Values:** 00:01 (midnight) through 23:59

**Related** Transport Scene Departure Date

**Variables:**

**Data Type:** Time **Format:** hh:mm

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## Transport Destination Arrival Date (DESTINATION\_ARRIVAL\_DATE)

**Definition:** The date the prehospital agency arrived at its destination.

**Related** Transport Destination Arrival Time

**Variables:**

**Examples:** 05/20/2007

**Notes:** Allows computation of time intervals

**Data Type:** Date **Format:** mm/dd/yyyy

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## Transport Destination Arrival Time (DESTINATION\_ARRIVAL\_TIME)

**Definition:** The time the prehospital agency arrived at its destination

**Values:** 00:01 (midnight) through 23:59

**Related** Transport Destination Arrival Date

**Variables:**

**Data Type** Time **Format:** hh:mm

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## Transferring Facility (FROM\_HOSPITAL)

**Definition:** The state code for the facility from which the patient was transferred.

**Values:** A list of facilities and codes is found in Appendix I.

NA = Not applicable

UNK = Unknown or not documented

**Data Type:** Text **Format:** Length 6

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## Transfer Mode (TRANSFER\_MODE)

<b>Definition:</b>	The mode of transport from the referring facility to the receiving facility (the Trauma Center of Record).		
<b>Values:</b>	AMB	=	Ground ambulance
	HELI	=	Helicopter
	WING	=	Fixed wing aircraft
	POL	=	Police vehicle
	POV	=	Private vehicle
	OTHER	=	A mode other than those listed above
	NA	=	Not applicable (patient was not transported)
	UNK	=	Unknown or not documented
<b>Related Variables:</b>	If the patient was transported by ground ambulance, helicopter, or fixed wing aircraft, prehospital response time variables, triage codes and field vital signs should also be completed.		
<b>Data Type:</b>	Text	<b>Format:</b>	Length 5

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## Date of Arrival at the Referring Facility (REFERRING\_ARRIVAL\_DATE)

<b>Definition:</b>	The date the patient arrived at the referring facility.		
<b>Related Variables:</b>	Time of Arrival at the Referring Facility		
<b>Examples:</b>	04/23/2007		
<b>Notes:</b>	Allows computation of time intervals.		
<b>Data Type:</b>	Date	<b>Format:</b>	mm/dd/yyyy

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## Time of Arrival at the Referring Facility (REFERRING\_ARRIVAL\_TIME)

<b>Definition:</b>	The time the patient arrived at the referring facility. The referring facility is a facility to which the patient was taken after the injury, and from which he or she was then transferred to the Trauma Center of Record.		
<b>Values:</b>	Range 00:01 to 23:59		
<b>Related Variables:</b>	Date of Arrival at the Referring Facility		
<b>Data Type:</b>	Time	<b>Format:</b>	hh:mm

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## **Date of Discharge from the Referring Facility (REFERRING\_DISCHARGE\_DATE)**

**Definition:** The date the patient was discharged or transferred from the referring facility.  
**Related** Referring Facility Discharge Time  
**Variables:**  
**Examples:** 03/31/2007  
**Notes:** Allows computation of time intervals.  
**Data Type:** Date                      **Format:** mm/dd/yyyy

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## **Time of Discharge from the Referring Facility (REFERRING\_DISCHARGE\_TIME)**

**Definition:** The time the patient was discharged from or transferred from the referring facility. If the patient was admitted to the referring facility, this would be the discharge time. If the patient was seen in the ED of the referring facility, but was never admitted, this would be the time the patient left the facility and was transferred to the receiving facility (the Trauma Center of Record).  
**Values:** Range 00:01 to 23:59  
**Related** Referring Facility Discharge Date  
**Variables:**  
**Data Type:** Time                      **Format:** hh:mm

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## **Status of the Patient at the Referring Facility (REFERRING\_ADMIT\_TYPE)**

**Definition:** The admission status of the patient at the referring facility prior to discharge or transfer  
**Values:** A = Admitted as an inpatient at the referring facility  
E = Only seen in the emergency department of the referring facility  
NA = Not applicable (the referring facility does not admit patients or has no Emergency Department)  
UNK = Unknown or not documented  
**Data Type** Text                      **Format:** Length 5

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## **Trauma Surgeon Consultation (REFERRING\_CONSULT)**

**Definition:** Did the transferring hospital consult with a trauma surgeon at the trauma center of record prior to transfer? The consult must be with a trauma surgeon, and not another surgeon on the trauma service such as an orthopedic surgeon or neurosurgeon.

**Values:** Y = Yes  
N = No  
NA = Not applicable  
UNK = Unknown or not documented

**Data Type:** Text **Format:** Length 3

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## **Date of Consultation with the Trauma Surgeon (REFERRING\_CONSULT\_DATE)**

**Definition:** The date of consultation with the trauma surgeon

**Related** Time of Consultation with the Trauma Surgeon

**Variables:**

**Examples:** 05/21/2007

**Notes:** Allows computation of time intervals.

**Data Type:** Date **Format:** mm/dd/yyyy

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## **Time of Consultation with the Trauma Surgeon (REFERRING\_CONSULT\_TIME)**

**Definition:** The time of consultation with the trauma surgeon

**Values:** 00:01 (midnight) through 23:59

**Related** Date of Consultation with Trauma Surgeon

**Variables:**

**Data Type:** Time **Format:** hh:mm

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## Referring Registry Number (DATABASE\_ID)

**Definition:** The trauma registry number at the referring facility.

**Values:** Alphanumeric TraumaBase record ID  
NA = Not applicable  
UNK = Unknown or not documented

**Related** Transferring Facility Number

**Variables:**

**Data Type:** Text **Format:** Length 10

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## Payment Source (PAYMENT\_SOURCE)

**Definition:** Sources identified by the admitting facility as responsible for the patient's bill

**Values:** INS = Private/Commercial Insurance (HMO, PPO, etc.)  
MCAID = Medicaid  
MCARE = Medicare  
NOBILL = Not billed (for any reason)  
OTHGOV = Other government  
SELF = Self-pay  
OTHER = A payment source other than those listed above  
NA = Not applicable  
UNK = Unknown or not documented

**Notes:** The options were modified in 2008 to match the categories listed for the National Trauma Data Standard

**Data Type:** Text **Format:** Length 10

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## ICD-9 Diagnostic/Operative Procedure (PROCEDURE\_ICD9)

**Definition:** ICD9 procedure code for specified diagnostic or operative procedures.

**Values:** Examples:

Operations on the nervous system

- 87.03 CT scan of the head
- 01.18 Other diagnostic procedures on brain and cerebral meninges
- 01.24 Other craniotomy
- 01.31 Incision of cerebral meninges
- 02.02 Elevation of skull fracture fragments
- 02.94 Insertion or replacement of skull tongs or halo traction device
- 03.0 Exploration and decompression of spinal canal structures
- 93.41 Spinal traction using skull device

Operations on the respiratory system

- 31.1 Temporary tracheostomy
- 32, 33 Excision of lung and bronchus
- 34.02 Exploratory thoracotomy
- 96.04 Insertion of endotracheal tube
- 87.41 CT scan of chest

Operations on the cardiovascular system

- 37.12 Pericardiotomy
- 37.91 Open chest cardiac massage
- 38.44 Resection/repair of abdominal aorta
- 38.45 Resection/repair of thoracic vessel
- 88.42 Aortography

Operations on digestive system (abdomen)

~~52.11~~ ~~52.19~~ 54.11-54.19 Laparotomy (corrected 10/22/2015)

- 54.25 Peritoneal lavage
- 50.61 Closure of laceration of liver
- 88.01 CT scan of abdomen
- 88.76 Diagnostic ultrasound of abdomen and retroperitoneum

Operations on musculoskeletal system

- 79.35 Open reduction of femur fracture with internal fixation
- 78.15 Application of external fixation device (femur)
- 78.16 Application of external fixation device (other, including pelvis)

**References:** International Classification of Diseases. 9th Revision. Clinical Modification (ICD9-CM).

**Notes:** The null value “Not applicable” is used if not coding ICD-9.

The National Trauma Data Standard defines “Operative and/or essential procedures” as procedures performed in the Operating Room, Emergency Department, ICU, floor or radiology dept. that were essential to the diagnosis, stabilization or treatment of the patient’s specific injuries. Repeated diagnostic procedures (e.g., repeated CT scan) should not be recorded (record only the first procedure). Include only procedures performed at your institution.

The list of required procedures for download to the NTDB was modified on 2/15/2011. The NTDB list is included here for reference. If your facility downloads

to the NTDB, you should follow the NTDB guidelines/instruction. If your facility does not download to NTDB, for the purposes of the Colorado Trauma Registry, the highest priority is to include those procedures that resulted in definitive diagnosis or care of the patient.

NTDB list as of 2/15/2011:

#### Diagnostic & Therapeutic Imaging

- Computerized tomographic studies \*
- Diagnostic ultrasound (includes FAST) \*
- Doppler ultrasound of extremities \*
- Angiography
- Angioembolization
- Echocardiography
- Cystogram
- Urethrogram

#### Cardiovascular

- Central venous catheter \*
- Pulmonary artery catheter \*
- Cardiac output monitoring \*
- Open cardiac massage
- CPR

#### CNS

- Insertion of ICP monitor \*
- Ventriculostomy \*
- Cerebral oxygen monitoring \*

#### Musculoskeletal

- Soft tissue/bony debridements \*
- Closed reduction of fractures
- Skeletal and halo traction
- Fasciotomy

#### Genitourinary

- Ureteric catheterization (i.e. Ureteric stent)
- Suprapubic cystostomy

#### Transfusion

- The following blood products should be captured over first 24 hours after hospital arrival:
- Transfusion of red cells \*
- Transfusion of platelets \*
- Transfusion of plasma \*
- In addition to coding the individual blood products listed above assign the 99.01 ICD-9 procedure code on patients that receive > 10 units of blood products over first 24 hours following hospital arrival \*

#### Respiratory

- Insertion of endotracheal tube\*
- Continuous mechanical ventilation \*
- Chest tube \*
- Bronchoscopy \*
- Tracheostomy

#### Gastrointestinal

- Endoscopy (includes gastroscopy, sigmoidoscopy, colonoscopy)
- Gastrostomy/jejunostomy (percutaneous or endoscopic)
- Percutaneous (endoscopic) gastrojejunoscopy

#### Other

- Hyperbaric oxygen
- Decompression chamber
- TPN \*
- IVC filter

**Data Type:** Text

**Format:**

Length 6

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## ICD-10 Hospital Procedure Codes (PROCCODEICD10)

**Definition:** Operative and selected non-operative procedures conducted during hospital stay. Operative and selected non-operative procedures are those that were essential to the diagnosis, stabilization, or treatment of the patient's specific injuries or complications.

**Values:** Major and minor procedure ICD-10-CM procedure codes.  
The maximum number of procedures that may be reported for a patient is 200.

**Notes:** The null value "Not applicable" is used if not coding ICD-10.

The null value "Not Applicable" is used if the patient did not have procedures. The null value "Not Known/ Not Recorded" is used if not coding ICD-10. Field cannot be blank, must either (1) contain a valid ICD-10 code (2) be Not Known/Not Recorded if not coding ICD-10 or (3) be Not Applicable if no procedures were performed.

Include only procedures performed at your institution.

Capture all procedures performed in the operating room.

Capture all procedures in the ED, ICU, war, or radiology department that were essential to the diagnosis, stabilization, or treatment of the patient's specific injuries or their complications.

Procedures with an asterisk have the potential to be performed multiple times during one episode of hospitalization. In this case, capture only the first event. If there is no asterisk, capture each event even if there is more than one.

Note that the hospital may capture additional procedures.

Procedures with the same code cannot have the same Hospital Procedure Start Date and Time.

**Data Source Hierarchy:**

1. Operative Reports
2. Procedure Notes
3. Trauma Flow Sheet
4. ED Record
5. Nursing Notes/Flow Sheet
6. Radiology Reports
7. Discharge Summary

**Data Type:** Text

**Format:** Length 7

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## **Diagnostic/Operative Procedure Start Date (PROCEDURE\_START\_DATE)**

**Definition:** The date the operative procedure started.

**Notes:** This variable will be downloaded to the Colorado Trauma Registry beginning with discharges in September 2008.

**Data Type:** Date                      **Format:**      mm/dd/yyyy

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## **Diagnostic/Operative Procedure Start Time (PROCEDURE\_START\_TIME)**

**Definition:** The time the operative procedure started.

**Notes:** This variable will be downloaded to the Colorado Trauma Registry beginning with discharges in September 2008.

**Data Type:** Time              **Format:**      hh:mm

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## Hospital Complications (COMP\_TYPE)

**Definition:** Any medical complication that occurred during the patient's stay at your hospital.

<b>Values:</b>	ARF	= Acute kidney Injury (NTDS4)	
	ARDS	= Acute lung injury (ALI)/Adult (acute) respiratory distress syndrome (ARDS) (NTDS5)	
	CATH	= <del>Catheter-related bloodstream infection</del> (NTDS28)	Retired in 2016
	CAUTI	= Catheter-associated urinary tract infection (NTDS33)	Added in 2016
	CLABSI	= Central line-associated bloodstream infection (NTDS34)	Added in 2016
	CPR	= <del>Cardiac arrest with resuscitative efforts by healthcare provider</del> Cardiac arrest with CPR (NTDS8)	Changed title in 2016
	CVA	= Stroke or CVA (NTDS22)	
	DECUB	= Decubitus ulcer (NTDS11)	
	DVT	= <del>Deep vein thrombosis (DVT) or thrombophlebitis</del> Deep vein thrombosis (NTDS14)	Changed title in 2016
	ECS	= Extremity compartment syndrome (NTDS15)	
	FAIL	= <del>Graft or prosthesis or flap failure</del> (NTDS16)	Retired in 2016
	ICU	= Unplanned return to the ICU (NTDS31)	
	INTUB	= Unplanned intubation (NTDS25)	
	MI	= Myocardial infarction (NTDS18)	
	OR	= Unplanned return to the OR (NTDS30)	
	ORGAN	= Organ or space surgical site infection (NTDS19)	
	OSTEO	= Osteomyelitis (NTDS29)	
	PNEU	= <del>Pneumonia</del> (NTDS20)	Retired in 2016
	PE	= Pulmonary embolism (NTDS21)	
	SEVSEP	= Severe sepsis (NTDS32)	
	SUP	= Superficial surgical site infection (NTDS23)	
	SURGINF	= Deep surgical site infection (NTDS12)	
	UTI	= <del>Urinary Tract Infection</del> (NTDS27)	Retired in 2016
	VAP	= Ventilator-associated pneumonia (NTDS35)	Added in 2016
	WITH	= Drug or alcohol withdrawal syndrome (NTDS13)	
	OTHER	= Other complication not listed above (NTDS1)	
	NA	= Not applicable (use for patients with no complications) (NTDS Null/NA)	
	UNK	= Unknown or not documented (NTDS Null/NA)	

**Notes:** Allows data to be used to characterize patients and hospital outcomes based upon the presence (and type) or hospital complication.  
Definitions for all of these complications can be found in the 2014 National Trauma Data Standard data dictionary in Appendix 3: Glossary of Terms at <http://www.ntdsdictionary.org/documents/2014NTDSDataDictionary.pdf>) and are also provided below, in the Glossary of Terms.

### Glossary of Terms:

ARF = ~~Acute kidney injury: A patient who did not require chronic renal replacement therapy prior to injury, who has worsening renal dysfunction after injury requiring renal replacement therapy. If the patient or family refuses treatment (e.g., dialysis,) the condition is still considered to be present if a combination of oliguria and~~

~~creatinine are present. GFR criteria: Increase creatinine x3 or GFR decrease >75%~~  
~~Urine output criteria: UO <0.3ml/kg/h x 24 hr or Anuria x 12 hrs~~  
**Acute kidney injury, AKI (stage 3), is an abrupt reduction of kidney function defined as:**

Increase in serum creatinine (SCr) of more than or equal to 3x baseline

or;

Increase in SCr to  $\geq 4\text{mg/dl}$  ( $\geq 353.3\mu\text{mol/l}$ )

or;

Patients >18 years with a decrease in  $eGFR$  to  $< 35\text{ ml/min per } 1.73\text{ m}^2$

or;

Reduction in urine output of  $< 0.3\text{ ml/kg/hr}$  for  $\geq 24\text{ hrs.}$

or;

Anuria for  $\geq 12\text{ hrs.}$

or;

Requiring renal replacement therapy (e.g. continuous renal replacement therapy (CRRT) or periodic peritoneal dialysis, hemodialysis, hemofiltration, or hemodiafiltration).

NOTE: If the patient or family refuses treatment (e.g., dialysis,) the condition is still considered to be present if a combination of oliguria and creatinine are present.

EXCLUDE patients with renal failure that were requiring chronic renal replacement therapy such as periodic peritoneal dialysis, hemodialysis, hemofiltration, or hemodiafiltration prior to injury.

**ARDS** = ALI/ARDS Acute Lung Injury/Adult (Acute) Respiratory Distress Syndrome: ALI/ARDS occurs in conjunction with catastrophic medical conditions, such as pneumonia, shock, sepsis (or severe infection throughout the body, sometimes also referred to as systemic infection, and may include or also be called a blood or blood-borne infection,) and trauma.

It is a form of sudden and often severe lung failure that is usually characterized by a  $\text{PaO}_2/\text{FiO}_2$  ratio of  $<300\text{ mmHg}$ , bilateral fluffy infiltrates seen on a frontal chest radiograph, and an absence of clearly demonstrable volume overload (as signified by pulmonary wedge pressure,  $18\text{mmHg}$ , if measured, or other similar surrogates such as echocardiography which do not demonstrate analogous findings.)

**CAUTI =** A UTI where an indwelling urinary catheter was in place for  $>2$  calendar days on the date of event, with day of device placement being Day 1,

AND

An indwelling urinary catheter was in place on the date of event or the day before. If an indwelling urinary catheter was in place for >2 calendar days and then removed, the date of event for the UTI must be the day of discontinuation or the next day for the UTI to be catheter-associated.

***CAUTI Criterion (Symptomatic Urinary Tract Infection, SUTI) 1a:***

Patient must meet 1, 2, **and** 3 below:

1. Patient has an indwelling urinary catheter in place for the entire day on the date of event and such catheter had been in place for >2 calendar days, on that date (day of device placement = Day 1)
2. Patient has at least one of the following signs or symptoms: • Fever ( $>38^{\circ}\text{C}$ ) • Suprapubic tenderness with no other recognized cause • Costovertebral angle pain or tenderness with no other recognized cause
3. Patient has a urine culture with no more than two species of organisms, at least one of which is a bacteria  $>10^5$  CFU/ml.

OR

Patient must meet 1, 2, **and** 3 below:

1. Patient had an indwelling urinary catheter in place for >2 calendar days which was removed on the day of, or day before the date of event.
2. Patient has at least one of the following signs or symptoms:
  - fever ( $>38^{\circ}\text{C}$ )
  - suprapubic tenderness with no other recognized cause
  - costovertebral angle pain or tenderness with no other recognized cause
  - urinary urgency with no other recognized cause
  - urinary frequency with no other recognized cause
  - dysuria with no other recognized cause
3. Patient has a urine culture with no more than two species of organisms, at least one of which is a bacteria  $\geq 10^5$  CFU/ml.

***CAUTI Criterion (Symptomatic Urinary Tract Infection, SUTI) 2:***

Patient must meet 1, 2 and 3 below:

1. Patient is  $\leq 1$  year of age
2. Patient has at least one of the following signs or symptoms:
  - fever ( $>38.0^{\circ}\text{C}$ )
  - hypothermia ( $<36.0^{\circ}\text{C}$ )
  - apnea with no other recognized cause
  - bradycardia with no other recognized cause
  - lethargy with no other recognized cause
  - vomiting with no other recognized cause
  - suprapubic tenderness with no other recognized cause
3. Patient has a urine culture with no more than two species of organisms, at

CLABSI = least one of which is bacteria of  $\geq 10^5$  CFU/ml.  
(Consistent with the January 2014 CDC Defined CLABSI): A laboratory-confirmed bloodstream infection (LCBI) where central line (CL) or umbilical catheter (UC) was in place for >2 calendar days on the date of event, with day of device placement being Day 1,

AND

A CL or UC was in place on the date of event or the day before. If a CL or UC was in place for >2 calendar days and then removed, the LCBI criteria must be fully met on the day of discontinuation or the next day. If the patient is admitted or transferred into a facility with a central line in place (e.g., tunneled or implanted central line), and that is the patient's only central line, day of first access as an inpatient is considered Day 1. "Access" is defined as line placement, infusion or withdrawal through the line.

**January 2014 CDC Criterion LCBI 1:**

Patient has a recognized pathogen cultured from one or more blood cultures

AND

Organism cultured from blood is not related to an infection at another site

OR

**January 2014 CDC Criterion LCBI 2:**

Patient has at least one of the following signs or symptoms: fever ( $>38^{\circ}\text{C}$ ), chills, or hypotension

AND

positive laboratory results are not related to an infection at another site

AND

the same common commensal (i.e., diphtheroids [*Corynebacterium* spp. not *C. diphtheriae*], *Bacillus* spp. [not *B. anthracis*], *Propionibacterium* spp., coagulase-negative staphylococci [including *S. epidermidis*], viridans group streptococci, *Aerococcus* spp., and *Micrococcus* spp.) is cultured from two or more blood cultures drawn on separate occasions. Criterion elements must occur within a timeframe that does not exceed a gap of 1 calendar day between two adjacent elements

OR

**January 2014 CDC Criterion LCBI 3:**



Patient  $\leq 1$  year of age has at least one of the following signs or symptoms: fever ( $>38^{\circ}\text{C}$  core), hypothermia ( $<36^{\circ}\text{C}$  core), apnea, or bradycardia

AND

positive laboratory results are not related to an infection at another site

AND

the same common commensal (i.e., diphtheroids [*Corynebacterium* spp. not *C. diphtheriae*], *Bacillus* spp. [not *B. anthracis*], *Propionibacterium* spp., coagulase-negative staphylococci [including *S. epidermidis*], viridans group streptococci, *Aerococcus* spp., *Micrococcus* spp.) is cultured from two or more blood cultures drawn on the same or consecutive days and separate occasions. Criterion elements must occur within a timeframe that does not exceed a gap of 1 calendar day between two adjacent elements.

CPR = Cardiac arrest with resuscitative efforts by healthcare provider: The sudden abrupt loss of cardiac function that results in loss of consciousness requiring the initiation of any component of basic and/or advanced cardiac life support.

EXCLUDE patients that arrive at the hospital in full arrest.

CVA = Stroke or CVA): A focal or global neurological deficit of rapid onset and NOT present on admission. The patient must have at least one of the following symptoms:

Change in level of consciousness

Hemiplegia

Hemiparesis

Numbness or sensory loss affecting on side of the body

Dysphasia or aphasia

Hemianopia

Amaurosis fugax

Other neurological signs or symptoms consistent with stroke

AND:

Duration of neurological deficit  $\geq 24$  h

OR:

Duration of deficit  $<24$  h, if neuroimaging (MR, CT, or cerebral angiography) documents a new hemorrhage or infarct consistent with stroke, or therapeutic intervention(s) were performed for stroke, or the neurological deficit results in death

AND:

No other readily identifiable non-stroke cause, e.g., progression of existing traumatic brain injury, seizure, tumor, metabolic or pharmacologic etiologies, is identified

AND:

Diagnosis is confirmed by neurology or neurosurgical specialist or neuroimaging procedure (MR, CT, angiography,) or lumbar puncture (CSF demonstrating intracranial hemorrhage that was not present on admission.).

Although the neurologic deficit must not present on admission, risk factors predisposing to stroke (e.g., blunt cerebrovascular injury, dysrhythmia) may be present on admission.

DECUB =	Decubitus ulcer: Any partial or full thickness loss of dermis resulting from pressure exerted by the patient's weight against a surface. Deeper tissues may or may not be involved. Equivalent to NPUAP Stages II –IV and NPUAP “unstageable” ulcers. EXCLUDES intact skin with non-blanching redness (NPUAP Stage I,) which is considered reversible tissue injury.
DVT =	Deep vein thrombosis (DVT): The formation, development, or existence of a blood clot or thrombus within the deep vascular system, which may be coupled with inflammation. This diagnosis may be confirmed by a venogram, ultrasound, or CT.
ECS =	Extremity compartment syndrome: A condition not present at admission in which there is documentation of tense muscular compartments of an extremity through clinical assessment or direct measurement of intracompartmental pressure requiring fasciotomy. Compartment syndromes usually involve the leg but can also occur in the forearm, arm, thigh, and shoulder. Record as a complication if it is originally missed, leading to late recognition, a need for late intervention, and has threatened limb viability.
ICU =	Unplanned return to the ICU: Unplanned return to the intensive care unit after initial ICU discharge. Does not apply if ICU care is required for postoperative care of a planned surgical procedure.
INTUB=	Unplanned intubation: Patient requires placement of an endotracheal tube and mechanical or assisted ventilation because of the onset of respiratory or cardiac failure manifested by severe respiratory distress, hypoxia, hypercarbia, or respiratory acidosis. In patients who were intubated in the field or Emergency Department, or those intubated for surgery, unplanned intubation occurs if they require reintubation >24 hours after extubation.
MI =	Myocardial infarction: A new acute myocardial infarction occurring during hospitalization (within 30 days of injury.)
OR =	Unplanned return to the OR: Unplanned return to the operating room after initial operation management for a similar or related previous procedure.
ORGAN =	Organ or space surgical site infection: An infection that occurs within 30 days after an operation and infection involves any part of the anatomy (e.g., organs or spaces) other than the incision, which was opened or manipulated during a procedure; and at least one of the following, including: Purulent drainage from a drain that is placed through a stab wound or puncture into the organ/space. Organisms isolated from an aseptically obtained culture of fluid or tissue in the organ/space. An abscess or other evidence of infection involving the organ/space that is found on direct examination, during reoperation, or by histopathologic or radiologic examination. Diagnosis of an organ/space SSI by a surgeon or attending physician.
OSTEO =	<del>Osteomyelitis: Defined as meeting at least one of the following criteria: Organisms cultured from bone. Evidence of osteomyelitis on direct examination of the bone during a surgical operation or histopathologic examination.</del>

~~At least two of the following signs or symptoms with no other recognized cause:~~

~~Fever ( $38^{\circ}\text{C}$ )~~

~~Localized swelling at suspected site of bone infection~~

~~Tenderness at suspected site of bone infection~~

~~Heat at suspected site of bone infection~~

~~Drainage at suspected site of bone infection~~

~~AND at least one of the following:~~

~~Organisms cultured from blood positive blood antigen test (e.g., H. influenza, S. pneumonia)~~

~~Radiographic evidence of infection, e.g., abnormal findings on x-ray, CT scan, magnetic resonance imaging (MRI,) radiolabel scan (gallium, technetium, etc.)~~

~~Histopathologic evidence of pneumonia~~

Osteomyelitis (Consistent with the January 2015 CDC definition of Bone and Joint infection): Bone and Joint infection that meets at least **one** of the following criteria:

- Patient has organisms cultured from bone.
- Patient has evidence of osteomyelitis on gross anatomic or histopathologic exam
- Patient has at least **two** of the following localized signs or symptoms with no other recognized cause:

- o Fever ( $38^{\circ}\text{C}$ )

- o swelling

- o pain or tenderness

- o Heat

- o Drainage

AND at least **one** of the following:

- o Organisms cultured from blood in a patient with imaging test evidence of infection

- o Positive non-cultured diagnostic lab test on blood (e.g., antigen test, PCR)

- o Imaging test evidence of infection (e.g., x-ray, CT scan, MRI, radiolabel scan [gallium, technetium, etc.])

PE = Pulmonary embolism: A lodging of a blood clot in a pulmonary artery with subsequent obstruction of blood supply to the lung parenchyma. The blood clots usually originate from the deep leg veins or the pelvic venous system. Consider the condition present if the patient has a V-Q scan interpreted as high probability of pulmonary embolism or a positive pulmonary arteriogram or positive CT angiogram.

SEVSEP = Severe sepsis): Sepsis and/or Severe Sepsis defined as an obvious source of infection with bacteremia and two or more of the following:

Temp  $>38^{\circ}\text{C}$  or  $<36^{\circ}\text{C}$

WBC count  $>12,000/\text{mm}^3$ , or  $>20\%$ immature (source of infection)

Hypotension – (Severe Sepsis)

Evidence of hypo perfusion: (Severe Sepsis)

Anion gap or lactic acidosis or Oliguria, or Altered mental status.

SUP = Superficial surgical site infection: An infection that occurs within 30 days after an operation and infection involves only skin or subcutaneous tissue of the incision and at least one of the following: Purulent drainage, with or without laboratory

confirmation, from the superficial incision. Organisms isolated from an aseptically obtained culture of fluid or tissue from the superficial incision. At least one of the following signs or symptoms of infection: pain or tenderness, localized swelling, redness, or heat and superficial incision are deliberately opened by the surgeon, unless incision is culture-negative. Diagnosis of superficial incisional surgical site infection by the surgeon or attending physician.

Do not report the following conditions as superficial surgical site infection:

Stitch abscess (minimal inflammation and discharge confined to the points of suture penetration.)

Infected burn wound.

Incisional SSI that extends into the fascial and muscle layers (see deep surgical site infection.)

**SURGINF =** Deep surgical site infection: A deep incisional SSI must meet one of the following criteria: Infection occurs within 30 days after the operative procedure if no implant is left in place or within one year if implant is in place and the infection appears to be related to the operative procedure and involves deep soft tissues (e.g., fascial and muscle layers) of the incision; AND patient has at least one of the following: Purulent drainage from the deep incision but not from the organ/space component of the surgical site of the following:

A deep incision spontaneously dehisces or is deliberately opened by a surgeon and is culture-positive or not cultured when the patient has at least one of the following signs or symptoms: fever ( $>38^{\circ}\text{C}$ .) or localized pain or tenderness. A culture negative finding does not meet this criterion.

An abscess or other evidence of infection involving the deep incision is found on direct examination, during reoperation, or by histopathologic or radiologic examination.

Diagnosis of a deep incisional SSI by a surgeon or attending physician.

**NOTE:** There are two specific types of deep incisional SSIs:

Deep Incisional Primary (DIP): a deep incisional SSI that is identified in a primary incision in a patient that has had an operation with one or more incisions (e.g., C-section incision or chest incision for CBGB)

Deep Incisional Secondary (DIS): a deep incisional SSI that is identified in the secondary incision in a patient that has had an operation with more than one incision (e.g., donor site [leg] incision for CBGB.)

**REPORTING INSTRUCTION:** Classify infection that involves both superficial and deep incision sites as deep incisional SSI.

**VAP =** Ventilator-associated Pneumonia (Consistent with the January 2015 CDC Defined VAP): A pneumonia where the patient is on mechanical ventilation for  $>2$  calendar days on the date of event, with day of ventilator placement being Day 1,

**AND**

The ventilator was in place on the date of event or the day before. If the patient is admitted or transferred into a facility on a ventilator, the day of admission is

considered Day 1.

VAP Algorithm (PNU2 Bacterial or Filamentous Fungal Pathogens):

Radiology	Signs/Symptoms	Laboratory
<p>Two or more serial chest radiographs with at least <b>one</b> of the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• New or progressive <b>and</b> persistent infiltrate</li> <li>• Consolidation</li> <li>• Cavitation</li> <li>• Pneumatocoles, in infants <math>\leq 1</math> year old</li> </ul> <p>NOTE: In patients <b>without</b> underlying pulmonary or cardiac disease (e.g., respiratory distress syndrome, bronchopulmonary dysplasia, pulmonary edema, or chronic obstructive pulmonary disease), <b>one definitive</b> chest radiograph is acceptable</p>	<p>At least <b>one</b> of the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Fever (<math>&gt;38^{\circ}\text{C}</math> or <math>&gt;100.4^{\circ}\text{F}</math>)</li> <li>• Leukopenia (<math>&lt;4000</math> WBC/<math>\text{mm}^3</math>) or leukocytosis (<math>\geq 12,000</math> WBC/<math>\text{mm}^3</math>)</li> <li>• For adults <math>\geq 70</math> years old, altered mental status with no other recognized cause</li> </ul> <p>AND at least two of the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• New onset of purulent sputum, or change in character of sputum, or increased respiratory secretions, or increased suctioning requirements</li> <li>• New onset or worsening cough, or sypnea, or tachypnea</li> <li>• Rales or bronchial breath sounds</li> <li>• Worsening gas exchange (e.g., <math>\text{O}_2</math> desaturations (e.g., <math>\text{PaO}_2/\text{FiO}_2 \leq 240</math>), increased oxygen requirements, or increased ventilator demand)</li> </ul>	<p>At least one of the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Positive growth in blood culture not related to another source of infection</li> <li>• Positive growth in culture of pleural fluid</li> <li>• Positive quantitative culture from minimally-contaminated LRT specimen (e.g., BAL or protected specimen brushing)</li> <li>• <math>\geq 5\%</math> BAL-obtained cells contain intracellular bacteria on direct microscopic exam (e.g., Gram's stain)</li> <li>• Positive quantitative culture of lung tissue</li> <li>• Histopathologic exam shows at least one of the following evidences of pneumonia: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Abscess formation of foci of consolidation with intense PMN accumulation in bronchioles and alveoli</li> <li>○ Evidence of lung parenchyma invasion by fungal hyphae or pseudohyphae</li> </ul> </li> </ul>

VAP Algorithm (PNU2 Viral, Legionella, and other Bacterial Pneumonia):

Radiology	Signs/Symptoms	Laboratory
<p>Two or more serial chest radiographs with at least <b>one</b> of the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• New or progressive <b>and</b> persistent infiltrate</li> <li>• Consolidation</li> <li>• Cavitation</li> <li>• Pneumatocoles, in infants <math>\leq 1</math> year old</li> </ul> <p>NOTE: In patients <b>without</b> underlying pulmonary or cardiac disease (e.g., respiratory distress syndrome, bronchopulmonary dysplasia, pulmonary edema, or chronic obstructive pulmonary disease), <b>one definitive</b> chest radiograph is acceptable</p>	<p>At least <b>one</b> of the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Fever (<math>&gt;38^{\circ}\text{C}</math> or <math>&gt;100.4^{\circ}\text{F}</math>)</li> <li>• Leukopenia (<math>&lt;4000</math> WBC/<math>\text{mm}^3</math>) or leukocytosis (<math>\geq 12,000</math> WBC/<math>\text{mm}^3</math>)</li> <li>• For adults <math>\geq 70</math> years old, altered mental status with no other recognized cause</li> </ul> <p>AND at least two of the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• New onset of purulent sputum, or change in character of sputum, or increased respiratory secretions, or increased suctioning requirements</li> <li>• New onset or worsening cough, or dyspnea, or tachypnea</li> <li>• Rales or bronchial breath sounds</li> <li>• Worsening gas exchange (e.g., <math>\text{O}_2</math> desaturations (e.g., <math>\text{PaO}_2/\text{FiO}_2 \leq 240</math>), increased oxygen requirements, or increased ventilator demand)</li> </ul>	<p>At least <b>one</b> of the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Positive culture of virus, Legionella or Chlamydia from respiratory secretions</li> <li>• Positive non culture diagnostic laboratory test of respiratory secretions or tissues for virus, Bordetella, Chlamydia, Mycoplasma, Legionella (e.g., EIA &lt; FAMA &lt; shell vial assay, PCR, micro-IFA)</li> <li>• Fourfold rise in L. pneumophila serogroup 1 antibody titer to <math>\geq 1:128</math> in paired acute and convalescent sera by indirect IFA</li> <li>• Detection of Legionella pneumophila serogroup 1 antigens in urine by RIA or EIA</li> </ul>

VAP Algorithm ALTERNATE CRITERIA (PNU1), for infant's ≤ 1 year old:

Radiology	Signs/Symptoms
<p>Two or more serial chest radiographs with at least <b>one</b> of the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• New or progressive <b>and</b> persistent infiltrate</li> <li>• Consolidation</li> <li>• Cavitation</li> <li>• Pneumatocoles, in infants ≤1 year old</li> </ul> <p>NOTE: In patients without underlying pulmonary or cardiac disease (e.g., respiratory distress syndrome, bronchopulmonary dysplasia, pulmonary edema, or chronic obstructive pulmonary disease), <b>one definitive</b> chest radiograph is acceptable</p>	<p>Worsening gas exchange (e.g., O<sub>2</sub> desaturations (pulse oximetry &lt;94%), increased oxygen requirements, or increased ventilator demand)</p> <p><b>AND</b> at least three of the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Temperature instability</li> <li>• Leukopenia (&lt;400 WBC/mm<sup>3</sup>) or leukocytosis (≥15,000 WBC/mm<sup>3</sup>) and left shift (≥10%) band forms)</li> <li>• New onset or purulent sputum, or change in character of sputum, or increased respiratory secretions, or increased suctioning requirements</li> <li>• Apnea, tachypnea, nasal flaring with retraction of chest wall, or nasal flaring with grunting</li> <li>• Wheezing rales, or rhonci</li> <li>• Cough</li> <li>• Bradycardia (&lt;100 beats/min) or tachycardia (&gt;170 beats/min)</li> </ul>

VAP Algorithm ALTERNATE CRITERIA (PNU1), for children >1 year old or ≤ 12 years old:

Radiology	Signs/Symptoms
<p>Two or more serial chest radiographs with at least <b>one</b> of the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• New or progressive <b>and</b> persistent infiltrate</li> <li>• Consolidation</li> <li>• Cavitation</li> <li>• Pneumatocoles, in infants ≤1 year old</li> </ul> <p>NOTE: In patients without underlying pulmonary or cardiac disease (e.g., respiratory distress syndrome, bronchopulmonary dysplasia, pulmonary edema, or chronic obstructive pulmonary disease), <b>one definitive</b> chest radiograph is acceptable</p>	<p>At least <b>three</b> of the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Fever (&gt;38°C or &gt;100.4°F) or hypothermia (&lt;36°C or &lt;96.8°F)</li> <li>• Leukopenia (&lt;4000 WBC/mm<sup>3</sup>) or leukocytosis (≥15,000 WBC/mm<sup>3</sup>)</li> <li>• New onset of purulent sputum, or change in character of sputum, or increased respiratory secretions, or increased suctioning requirements</li> <li>• New onset or worsening cough, or dyspnea, apnea or tachypnea</li> <li>• Rales or bronchial breath sounds</li> <li>• Worsening gas exchange (e.g., O<sub>2</sub> desaturations [e.g., pulse oximetry &lt;94%], increased oxygen requirements, or increased ventilator demand)</li> </ul>

WITH = Drug or alcohol withdrawal syndrome (NTDS 13): A set of symptoms that may occur when a person who has been habitually drinking too much alcohol or habitually using certain drugs (e.g., narcotics, benzodiazepine) experiences physical symptoms upon suddenly stopping consumption. Symptoms may include: activation syndrome (i.e., tremulousness, agitation, rapid heartbeat and high blood pressure,) seizures, hallucinations or delirium tremens.

**Data Type:** Text      **Format:** Length 10

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## Re-encounter/Re-admission (READMISSION)

**Definition:** Does this record represent an unplanned/unexpected re-encounter or re-admission with a patient who has already been seen for this injury event, and is now returning for complications, missed diagnoses, failure of conservative management, iatrogenic injuries or other issues?

**Values:** N=No  
Y=Yes  
NA = Not applicable  
UNK = Unknown or not documented

**Notes:** The default value for this variable (and the other variables related to re-encounter/readmission) should be “NA” as most records are not re-encounters/readmissions.

There are four possible scenarios for re-encounters/re-admissions:

The patient came to your ED, was discharged from the ED, then returned to your facility at a later time (within 30 days) and was admitted.

The patient was seen at another facility’s ED, was discharged from that ED, then came to your facility at a later time and was admitted.

The patient was admitted as an inpatient at another facility, was discharged, then came to your facility at a later time and was admitted.

The patient was admitted as an inpatient at your facility, was discharged, then returned to your facility at a later time and was re-admitted.

For the first three scenarios, a full record with all required variables should be completed on this case. Additionally, all variables that pertain to re-encounters/re-admissions should be completed

For the last scenario, a record should already exist in your trauma registry. For the re-admission, the trauma number assigned to the re-admission should be the original trauma number with “.1”, “.2”, “.3”, etc. appended. For this scenario, a full second record does NOT need to be completed. The variables that should be completed in the second record include:

Trauma Number (if possible, previous Trauma Number with “.1”, “.2”, etc.)

Patient Name

Patient zip code of residence

Injury Description (describe the reason for the readmit)

Outcome

Trauma Center arrival date/time

Trauma Team Activation

Hospital admission date/time

Hospital discharge date/time

ICU days

Ventilator days

Hospital discharge disposition

Autopsy

ICD-9-CM diagnosis codes (identified DURING this encounter)

AIS code (identified DURING this encounter)

Diagnosis description (identified DURING this encounter)

Body region of injury (identified DURING this encounter)

ISS (identified DURING this encounter)

Payment source  
Procedure codes/date/times (DURING this encounter)  
Complications (DURING this encounter)  
The first record should NOT be modified based on information from the second admission.

**Data Type:** Text                      **Format:** Length 3

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## **Hospital of Previous Encounter (READMISSION\_FACILITY)**

**Definition:** The state code (facility ID) of the hospital where the patient was previously seen for this injury

**Values:** A list of facilities and codes is found in Appendix I.

NA = Not applicable

UNK = Unknown or not documented

**Data Type** Text                      **Format:** Length 6

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## **Location of Previous Encounter (READMISSION\_ADMIT\_TYPE)**

**Definition:** The admission status of the patient at the hospital where he/she was previously seen for this injury

**Values:** A = Admitted as an inpatient

E = Only seen in the emergency department

NA = Not applicable

UNK = Unknown or not documented

**Data Type:** Text                      **Format:** Length 5

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## **Discharge Date of Previous Encounter (READMISSION\_DC\_DATE)**

**Definition:** The discharge date from the previous encounter (ED or inpatient admission).

**Examples:** 03/29/2007

**Notes:** Allows computation of time intervals and identification of previous records.

**Data Type:** Date                      **Format:** mm/dd/yyyy

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## **Trauma Number at Previous Facility (READMISSION\_ID)**

<b>Definition:</b>	The trauma registry number at the hospital where the patient was previously seen for this injury.		
<b>Values:</b>	TraumaBase or Trauma One record ID NA = Not applicable UNK = Unknown or not documented		
<b>Related Variables:</b>	Hospital of Previous Encounter		
<b>Notes:</b>	This variable should only be completed if the patient's previous encounter was at another facility (not your facility).		
<b>Data Type:</b>	Text	<b>Format:</b>	Length 10

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## **Reason for Re-encounter/Re-admission (READMISSION\_REASON) REVISED 1/2014**

<b>Definition:</b>	What was the reason for this patient's re-encounter/re-admission?		
<b>Values:</b>	MISSED = Missed diagnosis COMP = Complication IATR = Iatrogenic injury FAIL = Failed conservative management or outpatient pain control OTHER = Other NA = Not applicable		
<b>Notes:</b>	The NA value should be used for records that are not re-encounters/readmissions		
<b>Data Type:</b>	Text	<b>Format:</b>	Length 7

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## 2014 Change Log

### Reason for Re-encounter/Re-admission

- *Retired:* NA and UNK

### Co-morbid Conditions

- *Modified* definition: ABUSE, CHEMO, COAG, DIAL, DM, ETOH, OBESE, RAP, SMOKER
- *Retired:* ASTHMA, CARDIAC, COPD, IDDM, IMMUNE, LIVER, NEURO, PAIN, PREG, SCI, SENS, SURG
- *New:* DEM, PSY

### Hospital Complications

- *Modified* definition: ARF, ARDS, CPR
  - *Retired:* ACS, ABD, BLD, COAG, COMA, DISRUPT, ICP, SEPSIS
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## 2015 Change Log

**A. Triage** - 8 New Codes: BURN, BURNT, COAG, EJECT, GCS14, GSBP, JUDGE, PREG20

**B. Physical Abuse Report** - New Variable

**C. Physical Abuse Investigation** - New Variable

**D. Physical Abuse Caregiver** - New Variable

**E. Hospital Discharge Disposition** - *Modified definition:* 1 minor change to the 'D' code

**F. ED Discharge Disposition** - *Modified definition:* 1 minor change to the 'D' code

**G. Comorbidity** - *Modified definition:* CVA, ETOH, RESP, ABUSE

*Retired:* ASCITES, OBESE, PHRES, VAR

*New Code:* ADD

**H. Primary Payment Method** - *Retired Codes:* BCBS, NF, WC

**I. AIS Version** - *New Code:* 08

**J. Pre-Hospital Cardiac Arrest** - New Variable

**K. ICD-10 External Cause Code** - New Variable

**L. ICD-10 Additional External Cause Code** - New Variable

**M. ICD-10 Place of Occurrence External Cause Code** - New Variable

**N. ICD-10 Hospital Procedures** - New Variable

**O. ICD-10 Injury Diagnoses** - New Variable

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## 2016 Change Log

**A. Triage** - 1 New Code: PELV

- Suspected pelvic fractures with instability

**B. Alternate Home Residence** – *Retired 1 code:* FV (Foreign Visitor)

**C. Age Units** – 1 New Code: X (Minutes)

**D. Systolic Blood Pressure at Assessment** (initial ED/Hosp) – *Added additional information*

- Measurement recorded must be without the assistance of CPR or any type of

mechanical chest compression device. For those patients who are receiving CPR or any type of mechanical chest compressions, report the value obtained while compressions are paused.

**E. Pulse Rate** (initial ED/Hospital) – *Added additional information*

- Measurement recorded must be without the assistance of CPR or any type of mechanical chest compression device. For those patients who are receiving CPR or any type of mechanical chest compressions, report the value obtained while compressions are paused.

**F. Alcohol Evident** – *Added additional information*

- Blood alcohol concentration (BAC) may be documented at any facility, unit, or setting treating this patient event.

**G. ICD-9/10 Diagnoses** – *Added additional information*

- null value “NA” is used if not coding ICD-9/10

**H. ICD-9/10 Procedures** – *Added additional information*

- null value “NA” is used if not coding ICD-9/10

**I. ICD-9/10 External Cause Codes**– *Added additional information*

- null value “NA” is used if not coding ICD-9/10

**J. ICD-10 Place of Occurrence External Cause Code**– *Added additional information*

- null value “NA” is used if not coding ICD10

**K. Comorbidity Conditions** - *Added additional information*

- For any Co-Morbid Condition to be valid there must be a diagnosis noted in the patient medical record that meets the definition noted in “Glossary of Terms”

*Updated definitions (see glossary of terms under Comorbidity):*

ETOH

DEM

ABUSE

**L. Hospital Complications** –

Field Values

*Retired:*

FAIL: Graft or prosthesis or flap failure

PNEU: Pneumonia

UTI: Urinary Tract Infection

CATH: Catheter-related bloodstream infection

*Added:*

CAUTI: Catheter-associated urinary tract infection

CLABSI: Central line-associated bloodstream infection

VAP: Ventilator-associated pneumonia

*Updated definition:* ARF (acute kidney injury), OSTEO (osteomyelitis)

*Changed title:* “Deep Vein Thrombosis/thrombophlebitis” to: “Deep Vein Thrombosis”

*Changed title:* “Cardiac arrest with resuscitative efforts by healthcare provider” to:

“Cardiac arrest with CPR”

**M. Body Region of Injury** – Modified definition/added notes

EXT – External, ~~burns or other trauma~~: Includes all superficial injuries and external burns, lacerations, contusions and abrasions, independent of their location on the body surface

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