

ELITE UPDATES FOR 2021

VA BEACH  EMS

EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES

PROVIDER IMPRESSIONS

This is your “diagnosis”. Your treatments and assessment should support your choice

- Separated Stroke vs. TIA as potential choices for diagnosis (primary or secondary impression)
 - Old/Removed: Neuro – Stroke/CVA/TIA
 - New/Added: Neuro – Acute Stroke/CVA
 - New/Added: Neuro – TIA (transient ischemic attack)
- New Values:
 - General – Weakness/Malaise
 - General – Dizziness
 - GYN – Vaginal Bleeding, Unspecified
 - OB – Other OB Problem Not Listed

Full list of all available choices for reference [HERE](#)

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- COVID-19 (and related) viral impressions have category added to better fit in order
- Old:
 - Contact with and (suspected) exposure to other viral communicable diseases
 - Encounter for observation for suspected exposure to other biological agents ruled out
 - Other coronavirus as the cause of diseases classified elsewhere
- New:
 - Infectious - Contact with and (suspected) exposure to other viral communicable diseases
 - Infectious - Encounter for observation for suspected exposure to other biological agents ruled out
 - Infectious – Other coronavirus as the cause of diseases classified elsewhere

TREATMENTS PROVIDED

Remember to document all procedures performed – not in the narrative alone

- New Values:
 - General – Ultrasound Assessment
 - General – Provision of Orthopedic (Scoop) Stretcher

DISPATCH DELAY

Delay in time from PSAP (911 call entry) to unit dispatched (>5 mins.)

- No EMS Vehicles (Units) Available
- Diversion/Failure (of previous unit)
- Other

RESPONSE DELAY

Delay in time from en route to unit on scene (>25 mins.)

- Directions/Unable to Locate
- Distance > Than Usual
- Mechanical Issue-Unit, Equipment, etc.
 - E.g., getting the bariatric stretcher, red lights/siren (RLS) stopped working
- Crowd
- Route Obstruction (e.g. Construction, Road Closure)
- Traffic
- Weather
- Other

SCENE DELAY

Extended scene time (>15 mins. for time-sensitive or >30mins. non time-sensitive)

- On Scene Treatment > 15 MIN
- Waiting for ALS
- High Rise / Large Building, Beach / Waterline, etc.
- Unable to access Patient - Gate Code, Lock Box, etc.
- Bariatric Needs/Lift Assist
- Difficulty Locating Patient On Scene
- Patient Indecisiveness
- Cardiac Arrest / RSI / Airway Complication
- Triage/Multiple Patients
- Entrapment (Vehicle/Tech Rescue Only)
- Language Barrier
- Waiting for Nightingale / Helicopter
- Crowd
- HazMat
- Mechanical Issue-Unit, Equipment, etc.
- Safety-Crew/Staging
- Weather

TRANSPORT DELAY

Extended transport time (>25 mins.)

- Directions/Unable to Locate
- Traffic
- Weather
- Distance > Normal
- Route Obstruction (e.g., Construction, Road Closure)
- Diversion
- Patient Condition Change (e.g., Unit Stopped)
- Crowd

TURNAROUND DELAY

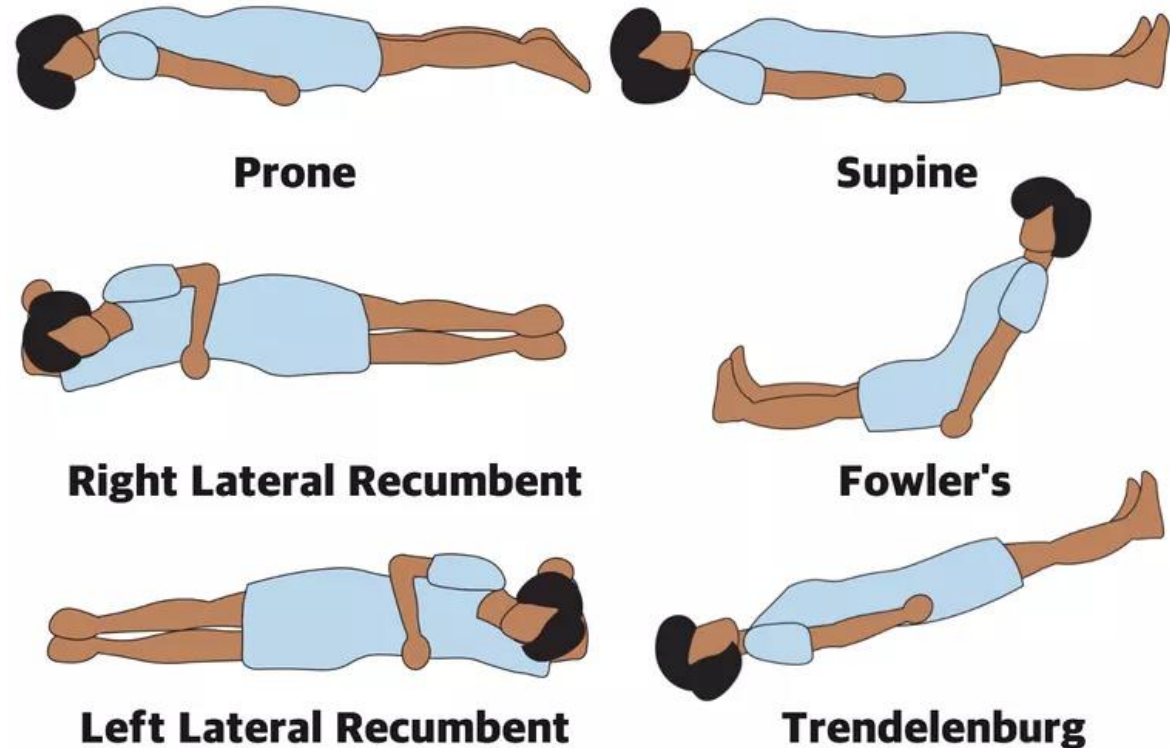
Extended at hospital time (>30 mins. BLS or > 45 mins. ALS)

- Decontamination/Clean-up
- Documentation
- ED Overcrowding / Transfer of Care
- Destination non-ED bed (CT/CATH/OB)
- Supply Restocking
- Crew Needs

POSITION OF PATIENT DURING TRANSPORT

The position of the patient during transport from the scene

- Changed label to clarify:
 - Old: Sitting
 - New: Sitting (Non-Stretcher)



Bailey, Regina. "Anatomical Position: Definitions and Illustrations." ThoughtCo, Aug. 28, 2020, [thoughtco.com/anatomical-position-definitions-illustrations-4175376](https://www.thoughtco.com/anatomical-position-definitions-illustrations-4175376).

SIGNATURES

Signatures have been streamlined and updated

- Lock signature button prevents deletion or changes after pressing
- Units capturing signatures in Vbfd Production for transfer to EMS need to complete “reason for signature” and “Type of person signing” BEFORE transfer – otherwise it defaults to AIC.




The screenshot shows a digital interface for selecting a signature status. It features a grid of buttons under the heading "Signature Status:". The buttons are arranged in two rows. The first row contains "Signed" (highlighted in blue), "Not Signed - Refused", and "Not Signed - Unconscious". The second row contains "Not Signed - Transferred Care/Unable to Obtain Signature", "Not Signed - Deceased", and "Not Signed - Equipment Failure". Below this grid is a "Lock Signature Button". At the bottom, there are input fields for "Date/Time Signature" and a circular icon with a clock symbol.

PHARMACY EXCHANGE

Box numbers have been re-organized to improve flow

- Link to TEMS drug/IV box incident report form now included via button below fields
 - Used to report box issues like contents missing/damaged or physical box damage to TEMS
 - This will open the form in a new tab

 ELITE FIELD

Used IV Box Number:

New IV Box Number:

Used Drug Box Number:

New Drug Box Number:

RSI Box Number:

New RSI Seal Number:

(Secondary) Used IV Box Number:

(Secondary) New IV Box Number:

(Secondary) Used Drug Box Number:

(Secondary) New Drug Box Number:

[TEMS Drug/IV Box Incident Report Form](#)

[Use to Report Issues with Box Contents](#)

