Cardiac Arrest
**CARDIAC ARREST**

**Arrest prior to EMS Arrival**

**Definition:**
The length of time the patient was down (estimated) before the responding unit arrived at the patient.

**Validation:**
This element is required on all patient care reports where the Cardiac Arrest element is “Yes, Prior to EMS”.

**Date/Time of First CPR**

**Definition:**
The date/time CPR was initiated on the patient. This date/time could be prior to EMS arrival by a bystander or other first responder.

**Validation:**
This element is required on all patient care reports where the Resuscitation Attempted element contains CPR.

**Date/Time CPR Discontinued**

**Definition:**
The date/time the CPR was discontinued.

**Validation:**
This element is required on all patient care reports where the Resuscitation Attempted element contains CPR.

**Date/Time First Defib Shock**

**Definition:**
The date/time of the first defib shock. Could be prior to EMS arrival by Public Access AED or First Responder.

**Validation:**
This element is required on all patient care reports where the Resuscitation Attempted element contains CPR.
**Return of Circulation**

**Definition:**
Indication whether or not there was any return of spontaneous circulation at any time during the EMS event.

**Validation:**
This element is required on all patient care reports where the Cardiac Arrest has been documented as “Yes”.

**Initial Cardiac Rhythm**

**Definition:**
Documentation of what the first monitored rhythm that was noted.

**Validation:**
This element is required on all patient care reports where the Cardiac Arrest has been documented as “Yes”.

**Cardiac Arrest Witness**

**Definition:**
Indication of who the cardiac arrest was witnessed by.

**Validation:**
This element is required on all patient care reports where the Cardiac Arrest has been documented as “Yes”.

**Cardiac Arrest Etiology**

**Definition:**
Indication of the etiology or cause of the cardiac arrest.

**Validation:**
This element is required on all patient care reports where the Cardiac Arrest has been documented as “Yes”.

**Resuscitation Attempted**

**Definition:**
Indication of an attempt to resuscitate the patient who is in cardiac arrest.

**Validation:**
This element is required on all patient care reports where the Cardiac Arrest has been documented as “Yes”.

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**Rhythm at Destination**

**Definition:**
The patient’s cardiac rhythm upon delivery or transfer to the destination.

**Validation:**
This element is required on all patient care reports where the Cardiac Arrest has been documented as “Yes” and a “Transport” disposition has been documented. Cannot select “Not Applicable” and any other value.

**Reason CPR Discontinued**

**Definition:**
The reason that CPR or the resuscitation efforts were discontinued.

**Validation:**
This element is required on all patient care reports where the Resuscitation Attempted contains “Initiated Chest Compressions”.

**Advanced Directives**

**Definition:**
The presence of a valid living will or document directing end of life or healthcare treatment decisions.

**Validation:**
This element is not required, but is provided to improve documentation of an end of life order or documentation.