

NLM PEOPLE LOCATOR[®] Data Elements

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A data element listed on this page is an abstraction, with name chosen for clarity, to represent one or more actual data fields (e.g., “Address” represents a set of fields for a postal address). Availability of these data elements vary with source and subsystem, and are in many cases optional. Not all are made visible through any particular user interface or with every user role.

Items that are required by one or more subsystems are underlined. Items that are always optional in all subsystems are in normal type.

Reporting Device or Source Attributes

Device ID, Device Name, OS Version, IP Address, Sender IDs/Names/URIs (organization and/or site), App Name, App Version, Device GeoLocation.

Reporter Credentials/Profile

Names, Device Account Name, PL User Name, PL User Password, PL User Category/Role, Email Address, Preferred Language, Phone Numbers, Social Media Link/Avatar.

Reported Person

Record and Context

Record IDs, Hospital or Organization ID/Names, Disaster Event ID/Name, Disaster Nominal Geolocation.

Date/Times:

When reported at source, sent, received, updated, expired.

Media Items:

Photographs (or URL to photo, ID of photo), Voice Note, Social Media URL.

Structured Text Items (or checkboxes, enumerated choices):

Names, Health & Missing/Found Status, Hospital Triage Status, Approximate Address, Gender, Birthday/Age/Age Range/Age Group, Skin Color, Hair Color, Eye Color, Height, Weight, Race, Religion, Caption (for photo), Speaker (for voice note).

Free Text Items:

Last Known Location, Distinctive Features, Last Seen Clothing/Appearance, General Notes/Comments (including by others than original reporter).

Reporting Organization/Hospital

IDs, Long Name, Short Name, Patient ID Format (and other data-entry policies), Address, Phone, Fax, Email, Web Address, Facility Geolocation, Icon, Legal Statements

Glossary of Abbreviations and Acronyms

ID. Identifier, some unique string of characters, typically constrained to a particular format.

IP. Internet Protocol, as in “IP Address”.

OS. Operating System.

PL. NLM’s “**PEOPLE LOCATOR[®]**” Web site.

URI. Unique Resource Identifier, e.g., URL, email address, repository name.

URL. Unique Resource Locator, e.g., Web site address.