Title	RECORDING RECOGNITION OF A LIFE THREATENING CONDITION/999 BUTTON			Number	R11
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### Introduction

The National Quality Requirements (NQR) in the Delivery of Out-of-Hours Services states in National Quality Requirement 9 - Telephone Clinical Assessment.

Identification of immediate life threatening conditions:

Providers must have a robust system for identifying all immediate life-threatening conditions and, once identified, those calls must be passed to the ambulance service within 3 minutes.

If at any point in the case entry process, you have identified that the patient has a life threatening condition and should be referred to the emergency services this should be recorded in order for Badger to comply with the National Quality Requirement as stated above.

# **Using the 999 Button**

999

> The 999 process consists of 3 clicks

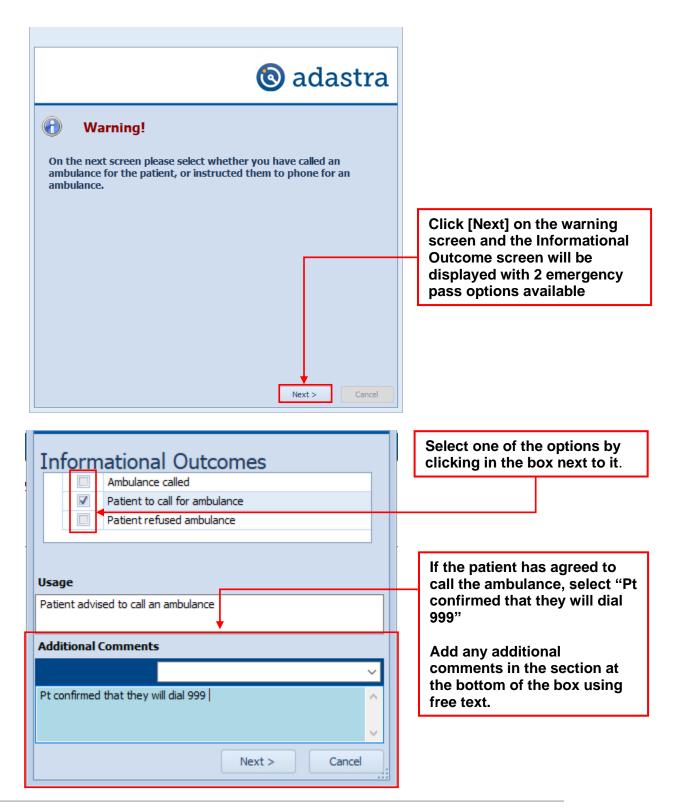
**Click 1.** The first click records that the user has recognised that there is a Life Threatening Emergency. This is the first time stamp on the case for NQR 9 reporting.



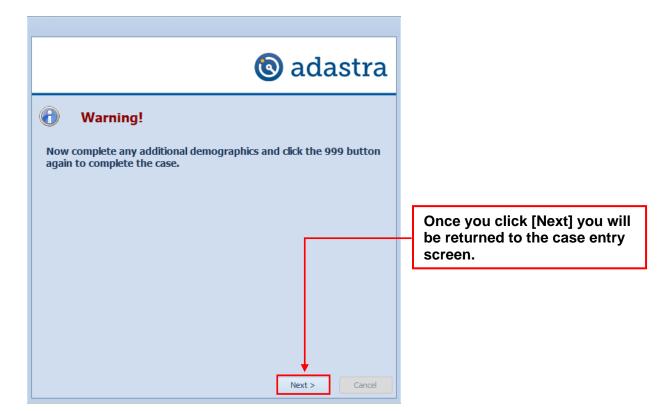
The 999 button will be highlighted in orange.



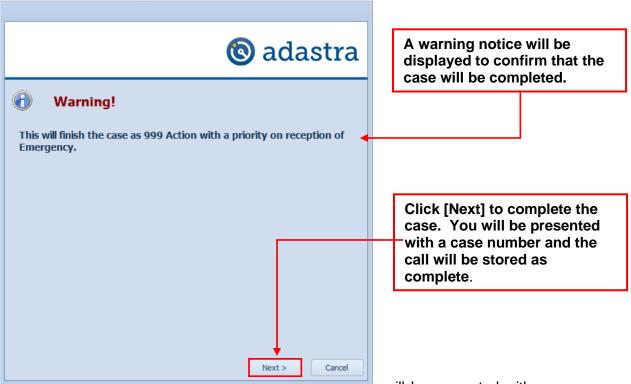
**Click 2.** Once you have passed the call to the emergency services or have advised the caller to contact the emergency services click the 999 button for the second time.



A warning notice will be displayed to advise the call handler of how to complete the case once all details have been recorded.



**Click 3.** Once all case details have been recorded, click the 999 button for the 3<sup>rd</sup> time to complete the case with the appropriate case type and an emergency priority on reception.

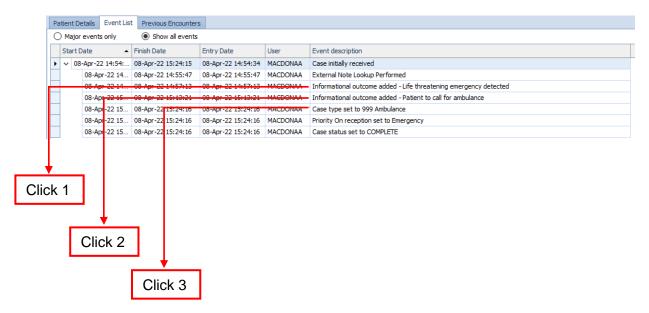


You will be presented with a case number and the call will be stored as complete. Write down the call number and pass onto the Team Leader/Assistant.

The call is now complete with the case type set as 999 Action, and the priority has automatically been set to Emergency.

### **Event List**

The Event List will record each time the 999 button is clicked. The first click records the time that the life threatening condition was identified. Using this information Badger is able to determine whether we comply with the National Quality Requirement.



#### **Patient Audit**

The call handler will pass the call number to the Team Leader/Assistant Team Leader and explain that it is for a patient/patient representative who has been asked to call 999. To ensure patient safety the Team Leader will wait five minutes and then phone the patient to check they have called for the ambulance. If there is no reply when calling the patient back you must call ambulance control to check if the ambulance has been arranged and if the patient has already been taken to hospital. If ambulance control confirm the patient has requested an ambulance ask for the reference number for our records. The numbers for Ambulance control can be found on Adastra in Agency Information.