

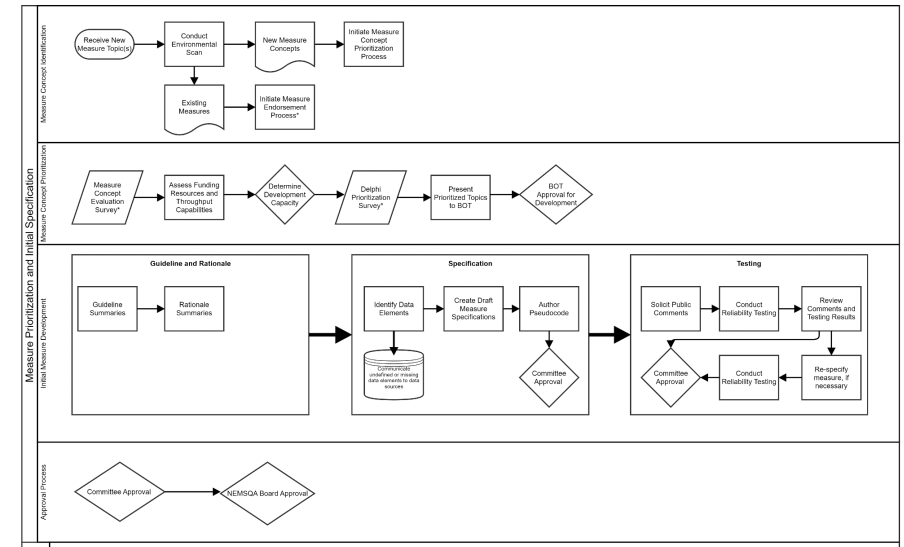
2023 NEW National EMS Quality Alliance Measure Set: Tools for EMS to Operationalize Evidence Based Care

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Outline

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- Measure Development Process
- What is Measure Endorsement?
- 2021-2023 Measure Endorsement Cycle
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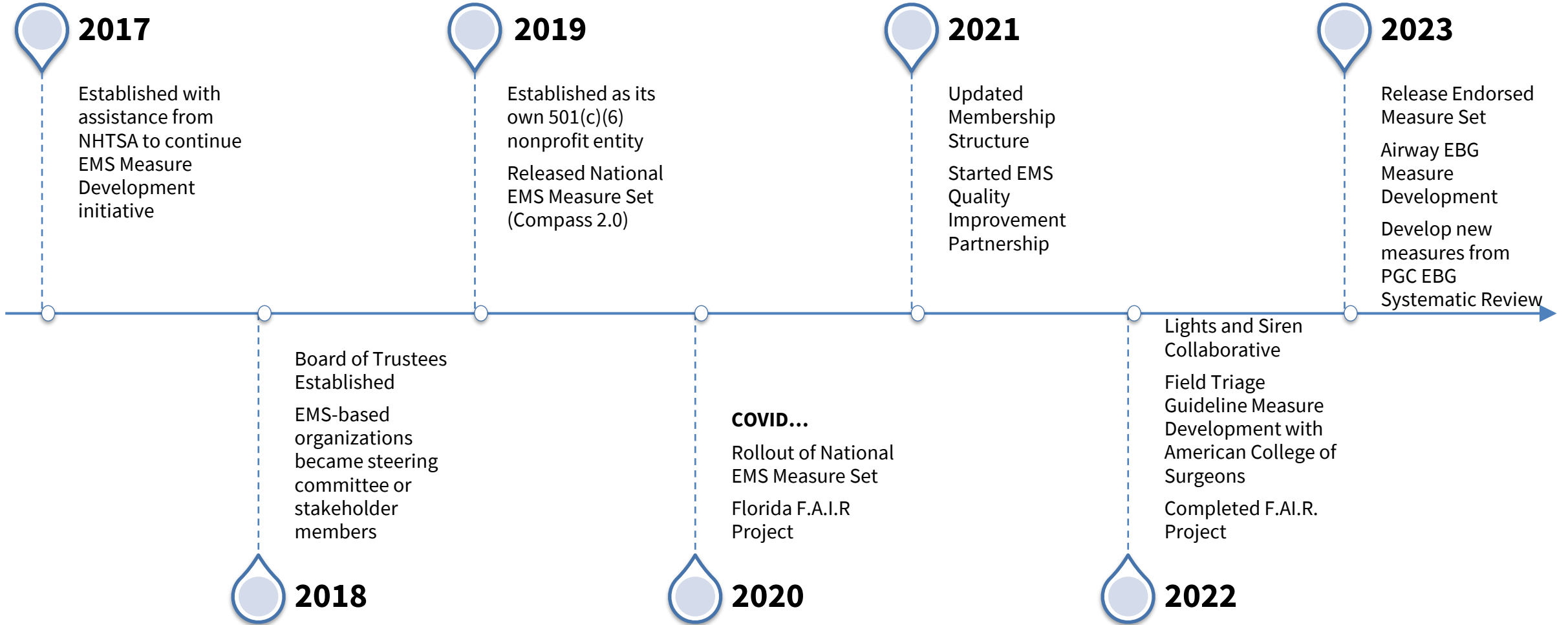
What We Do

- Provide measurable ways for EMS systems to pursue improvement, improve patient outcomes and provider safety.
- Collaboratively develop and test evidence-based quality measures.

Why It Matters

- Focus on measuring what matters and provide the tools to make that happen at a local and national level.
 - Operationalize treatment guidelines and best practices.
 - Providing the best care to patients and the best service to their communities.
 - Identify successes and areas for growth.
 - Provide a path that puts data to use in a meaningful way to help EMS providers better serve patients and communities .

NEMSQA History



Current NEMSQA Measures

Measure ID	Description
Hypoglycemia-01	Treatment Administered for Hypoglycemia
Respiratory-01 <small>previously Pediatrics-01</small>	Respiratory Assessment
Asthma-01 <small>previously Pediatrics-02</small>	Administration of Beta Agonist for Asthma
Pediatrics-03b	Documentation of Estimated Weight in Kilograms
Seizure-02	Patients with Status Epilepticus Receiving Intervention
Stroke-01	Suspected Stroke Receiving Prehospital Stroke Assessment
Trauma-01	Injured Patients Assessed for Pain
Trauma-03	Effectiveness of Pain Management for Injured Patients
Trauma-04	Trauma Patients Transported to a Trauma Center
Safety-01	No Lights or Sirens During Response to Scene
Safety-02	No Lights or Sirens During Transport

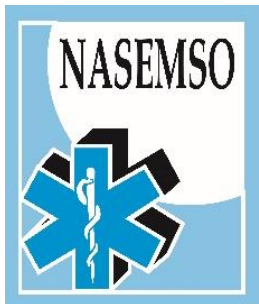
Measure Development Work



- Florida DOH F.A.I.R. Measure Development
 - 56 Measure including stratifications

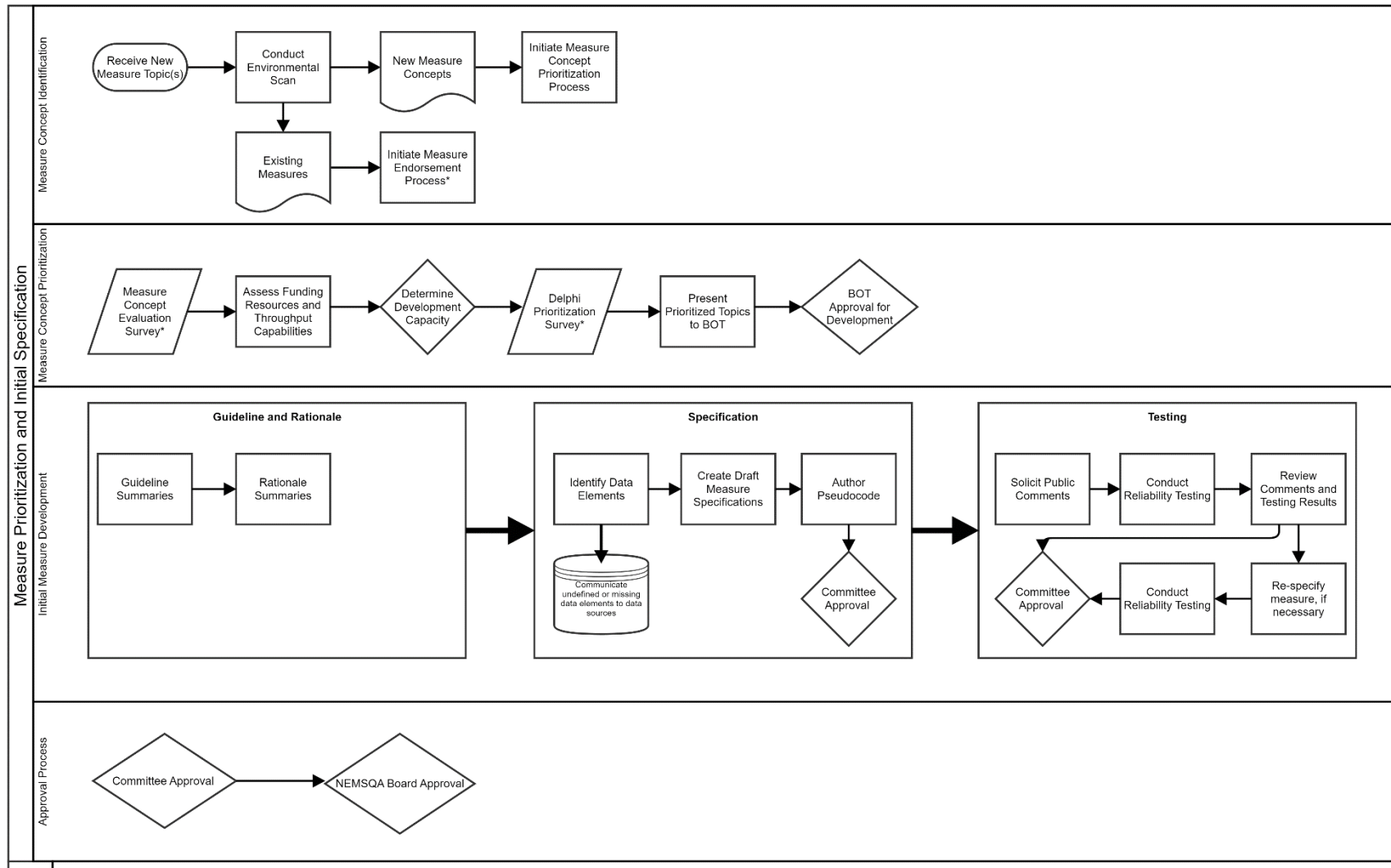


- Guidelines for Field Triage of Injured Patients Update Measure Development



- NASEMSO Prehospital Airway Management EBG Measure Development (in progress)

Measure Development Process



Measure Endorsement

- Evaluate measures developed/published by other organizations
- Consider for ‘endorsement’ of measure as opposed to internally developed measures.
- Avoids ‘re-inventing wheel’

Criteria for Measure Evaluation

Clinical Value/Impact

- Does the measure evaluate an outcome or process that is clinically important to EMS patients.
 - Addresses a specific national health goal/priority for EMS
 - Affects large numbers of patients and/or has a very substantial impact for smaller populations
 - Focuses on a leading cause of morbidity or mortality
 - High resource use (current and/or future)
 - Severity of illness
 - Patient/Societal consequences

Evidence

- Internal assessment of evidence
 - Guideline recommendation has strong evidence (Level I or Level III (Harm) or equivalent)
 - Guideline recommendation has moderate evidence (Level 2a or equivalent)
 - Guideline recommendation has low evidence (Level 2b or equivalent)
 - Guideline recommendation has very low evidence or is based on consensus opinion (Level III or equivalent)

Criteria for Measure Evaluation

Feasibility

- Evaluates if the measure is feasible using standard fields available in the National Emergency Medical Services Information System (NEMSIS) or another national, state or local data source.

Face Validity:

- Determines whether a measure has consensus-based **face validity**.
 - Reviewers agree the measure will provide an accurate reflection of quality and will be able to be used to distinguish good and poor quality.

Criteria for Measure Evaluation

Technical Work and Implementation

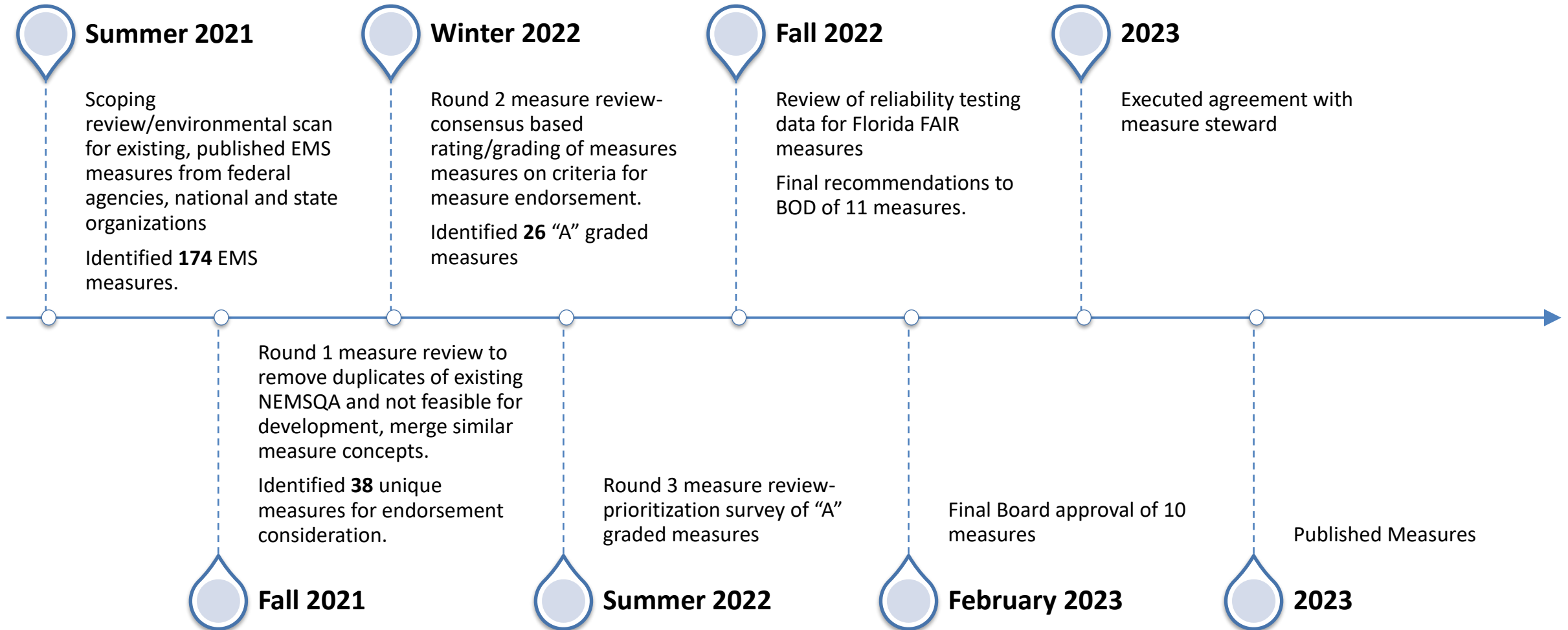
- Evaluates the level of effort required to create pseudocode and implement the measure into clinical practice.

Ease of Endorsement*

- Likelihood of agreement with measure steward within 3 months

*unique to this endorsement cycle

2021-2023 NEMSQA Measure Endorsement Cycle



Grading Criteria

Grade	Clinical Value/Impact	Ease of Endorsement	Technical Work
A	High	High	Pseudocode & Testing Completed or minimal work needed
B	High	Moderate/Low	No pseudocode or moderate work needed
C	Moderate/Low	Moderate/Low	No pseudocode and complicated work

New NEMSQA Measures

Airway-01	Successful First Advanced Airway Placement without Hypotension or Hypoxia
Airway-05	Adequate Oxygen Saturation Achieved Before Intubation Procedure
Airway-18	Waveform Capnography Airway Device Monitoring
Respiratory-02	Oxygen Administration for Hypoxia
Safety-04	Pediatric Restraint Device Used During Transport
Syncope-01	ECG Performed for Syncope Patients
TBI-01	TBI: Clinical Assessments for Patients with Traumatic Brain Injury (oxygen level, ETCO ₂ , and SBP)
Trauma-08	Documentation of GCS, SBP, and Respiratory
Trauma-14	Trauma Call Rate
TTR-01	Vital Signs Documented (non-transported)

Criteria for All Measures

- EMS responses originating from a 911 request for patients
- Measures stratified by age
 - Less than or equal to 18 years of age
 - Greater than 18 years of age

Airway-01: Successful First Advanced Airway Placement without Hypoxia or Hypotension

Numerator

- Patients without peri-intubation hypoxia or hypotension

Denominator

All advanced airways
Supraglottic airway
Endotracheal Intubation

- First advanced airway procedures with SPO2 and SBP documented greater than 5 minutes and between 0-5 minutes before advanced airway procedure

Airway-05: Adequate oxygenation before endotracheal intubation

Numerator

- Patients with SPO2 >93% between 0-5 minutes prior to intubation attempt

Denominator

- Patients with intubation attempted.
 - **Exclude:** Intubation or cardiac arrest prior to EMS arrival

Airway-18: Waveform Capnography Airway Device Monitoring

Numerator

- Capnography used for tube placement and monitoring

Denominator

- Patients with successful advanced airway procedures
- **Exclude:** None

Respiratory-02: Oxygen Administration for Hypoxia

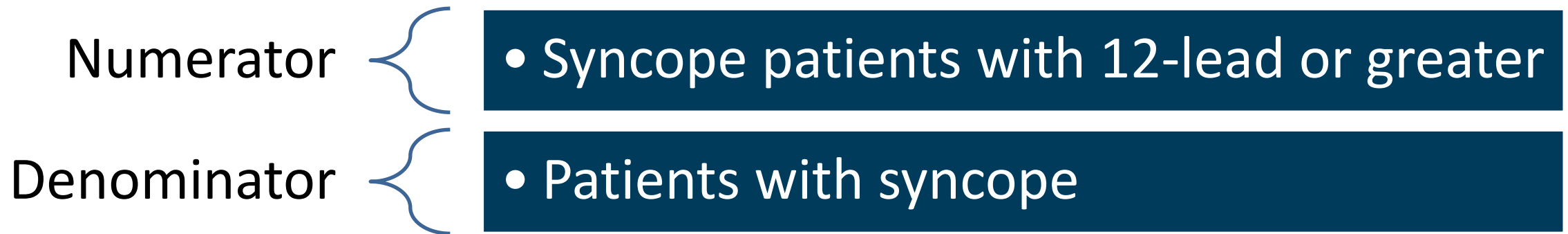
Numerator

- Hypoxic patients with that received oxygen

Denominator

- Patients with hypoxia
 - Exclude: Less than 24 hours of age

Syncope-01: ECG Performed for Syncope Patients



TTR-01: Vital Signs Documented

Numerator

- Basic vitals documented (SBP, DBP, SPO2, RR, GCS, AVPU)

Denominator

- Patients not transported by EMS
 - Exclude: Cardiac arrest prior to arrival

Safety-04: Pediatric Restraint Device Used During Transport

Note: 911 and interfacility transports included for this measure

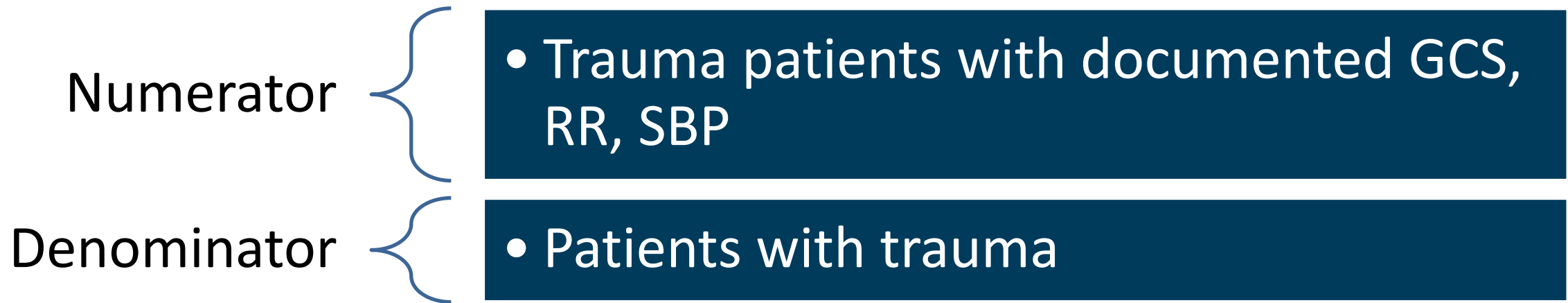
Numerator

- Restrained in car seat during transport

Denominator

- Transported patients < 8 years old
- Exclude: ≥ 8 y/o, immobilized, severe trauma, active airway management, cardiac arrest

Trauma-08: Documented GCS, SBP, RR



Trauma-14: Trauma Call Rate

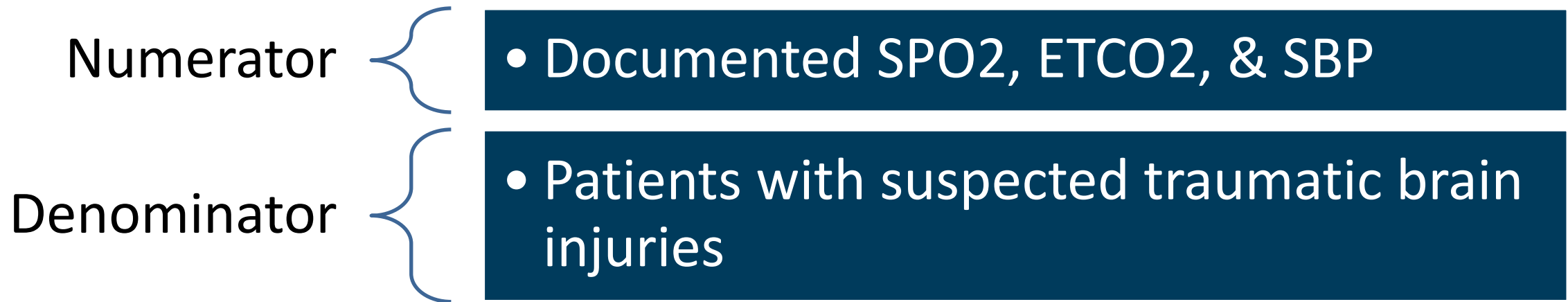
Numerator

- Transports with prearrival trauma alert initiated

Denominator

- Patients meeting step 1 or 2 trauma criteria

TBI-01: Clinical Assessments for Patients with TBI



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NEMSQA Measure Technical Documents

NEMSIS Pseudocode: Measure worksheets with guidance for mapping measures/data to the National Emergency Medical Services Information System (NEMSIS) registry.

[2022 NEMSQA Psuedocode Interim Update.pdf](#)

[2021 NEMSQA Psuedocode Update.pdf](#)

Measure ID	Description	Type	National Quality Strategy Domain
Hypoglycemia-01	NEMSQA-Hypoglycemia-01_Updated_2021	Process	Clinical Process – Effectiveness
Respiratory-01 previously Pediatrics-01	NEMSQA- Respiratory-01_Updated_2021	Process	Clinical Process – Effectiveness
Asthma-01 previously Pediatrics-02	NEMSQA - Asthma-01_Updated_2021	Process	Clinical Process – Effectiveness
Pediatrics-03b	NEMSQA - Pediatrics-03b_Updated_2021	Process	Patient Safety
Seizure-02	NEMSQA - Seizure-02_Updated_2021	Process	Clinical Process – Effectiveness
Stroke-01	NEMSQA - Stroke-01_Updated_2021	Process	Clinical Process – Effectiveness
https://nemsqa.memberclicks.net	NEMSQA - Trauma-01_Updated_2021	Process	Patient Experience

Quick Links



Upcoming Events

Thu Apr 20, 2023


[NEMSQA General Membership Meeting](#)

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 The amazing women exec leaders of our member orgs that support NEMSQA's

What's Next in Measure Development

- Prioritize evidence-based guidelines for measure development
 - Collaboration with Pre-hospital Guidelines Consortium
- Future measure endorsement cycles will include call for submission of measures for endorsement.

Questions

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