



Establishing Quality Measures for Patient Care

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Dear NEMSQA members,

2021 has been an exciting year of growth for NEMSQA. With the support of our membership and corporate partners, NEMSQA was able to achieve several strategic priorities. Some key accomplishments this year included:

1. Developed the Florida F.A.I.R measures.
2. Established the EMS Quality Improvement Partnership Reducing Lights-and-Siren use in EMS to drive implementation of and improvement in the NEMSQA Safety 01 and 02 measures.
3. Conducted annual review and update of the existing NEMSQA measures to align with the NEMSIS v3.5 measures and expand patient populations.
4. Began work with American College of Surgeons Committee on Trauma to develop measures for the updated Field Triage Guidelines.
5. Developed an updated membership structure to offer new opportunities for engagement for EMS professions interested in quality measure and improvement. Launching early 2022.
6. Created a new logo.

We look forward to progressing this work and more in 2021 with your continued support.

Wishing you all a safe and healthy new year.

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GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS 2022

- ✓ JANUARY 20TH, 2020 2:00-3:00 CT/3:00-4:00 ET
- ✓ APRIL 21ST, 2022 2:00-3:00 CT/3:00-4:00 ET
- ✓ JULY 21ST, 2022 2:00-3:00 CT/3:00-4:00 ET
- ✓ OCTOBER 20TH, 2020 2:00-3:00 CT/3:00-4:00 ET

NEMSQA Highlights

F.A.I.R Project Update

The FAIR project has continued to work through testing results. In January, the Florida Steering Committee will meet to review the results of public comment and testing.

American College of Surgeons Trauma Field Triage Guidelines Measures

NEMSQA is working with the American College of Surgeons (ACS) to develop measures in alignment with the updated Field Triage Guidelines. The measure recommendations were submitted to ACS for final determination of the measures to move forward to full specification development. Once the measures are chosen, NEMSQA will convene the Technical Expert Panel to complete measure specification. Special thanks to Dr. Peter Fischer, the ACS Committee on Trauma representative to NEMSQA, for identifying and facilitating this exemplary partnership and collaboration.

EMS Quality Improvement Partnership: Reducing Lights-and-Siren Use in EMS

As was reported in the last update, NEMSQA, in collaboration with National Association EMS Physicians, NHTSA Office of EMS, The Center for Patient Safety and International Academies of Emergency Dispatch, is leading a national EMS Quality Improvement Partnership to put the National EMS Quality Alliance Measures to work. This project will focus on national improvement in the NEMSQA Safety-01 and 02 measures on use of lights-and-siren during transport and response with 50 EMS systems and agencies.

In November, enrollment for the collaborative was launched with over 100 EMS systems and agencies expressing interest. On December 16th, NEMSQA hosted a webinar for enrolled and interested agencies to provide an overview of the collaborative and the expectations and requirements of participation. The first 50 agencies that completed the initial enrollment survey were invited to participate and all other interested agencies were put on a waiting list. The collaborative will launch in 2022 with the first learning session in February. We look forward to your support as we support implementation of the NEMSQA EMS measures and sharing more updates as the project progresses.

A recording of the December 16th webinar is available at: <https://www.nemsqa.org/lights-and-siren>

Reach out to Sheree Murphy at smurphy@nemsqa.org with any questions or suggestions.

Measure Development Committee

The measure development committee is continuing a structured review of the search results for existing EMS quality measures. The committee is reviewing the measure concepts and making recommendations for NEMSQA to endorse, harmonize or not consider future development.

NEMSQA released the annual update to the NEMSQA measure specifications. Many of the updates were implemented to align with the NEMSIS v3.5 standard. On December 9th, NEMSQA hosted a webinar to review the updates.

- The webinar recording is available at: <https://www.nemsqa.org/resources/>
- The updated measure specification documents can be found here: <https://www.nemsqa.org/completed-quality-measures/>

Please reach out to Sheree Murphy smurphy@nemsqa.org

Membership and Corporate Partnership

In March 2022, NEMSQA will be launching a new website and updated membership offerings including a new individual membership. We look forward to unveiling these updates in 2022!

Thank you to our Corporate Partners

