



*Establishing Quality Measures for Patient Care*

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Dear NEMSQA members,

We were all hopeful that it would not be necessary for our greetings to continue to include the hope that you were all staying safe and healthy, but we continue to offer our wishes for your health and safety and our thanks to all of you working on the frontlines to protect our communities amid the COVID-19 pandemic. NEMSQA continues to advance our presence in the EMS community (adding our new logo this spring!) and offer new opportunities for engagement.

We provided most of these updates on our July General Membership call, but we hope you enjoy a brief update, and we look forward to speaking with you at the October general membership Meeting.

Michael Redlener, MD, FACEP, FAEMS  
President of the Board, NEMSQA

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GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS 2021
✓ OCTOBER 21ST 2:00-3:00 CT/3:00-4:00 ET

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## NEMSQA Highlights

### Board Elections Update

It is election season! There are 3 positions on the Board that are up for election. After the call for nominations, the current representatives all seek re-election and run uncontested.

- Michael Redlener, MD, FACEP, FAEMS representing National Association of EMS Physicians
- Brooke Burton, NRP, FACPE representing Nation EMS Management Association
- Robert Chaplin, MD, FAAP representing Air Medical Physician Association

Once these are confirmed, Board officer elections will be initiated and NEMSQA members will receive an e-mail with information on nominations and voting.

### F.A.I.R Project Update

Over the past several months, the FAIR project has been in the testing and public comment phase to refine the measures and specifications. Thank you for sharing the public comment with your membership and for those who completed the public comment survey. We would also like to extend a special thanks to Joshua Legler of NEMSIS for his support in ongoing refinement of the measure code especially the airway measures.

### EMS Quality Improvement Partnership: Reducing Lights-and-Siren Advisory Committee

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. Use of lights-and-siren increases the number of crashes involving or caused by emergency vehicles resulting in preventable or unnecessary injury and mortality. This project will utilize the Institute for Healthcare Improvement's Breakthrough Series collaborative model to support national improvement in the NEMSQA safety measures on use of lights-and-siren during transport and response.

On July 31, NEMSQA hosted a webinar introducing the project and inviting EMS organizations to join the Advisory Committee.

- A recording of the webinar can be found here: <https://public.3.basecamp.com/p/oSNuuG4q3kCWZfqMVaUWt6iC>.
- Organizations can join the Advisory Committee by signing up here: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/57KKZDJ>
- Reach out to Sheree Murphy at [smurphy@nemsqa.org](mailto:smurphy@nemsqa.org) with any questions or suggestions.

We look forward to your support as we support implementation of the NEMSQA EMS measures.

## **Measure Development Committee**

The measure development committee is currently conducting a search of any existing EMS related quality measures from other organizations. This will serve as a basis for our measure development work to identify gaps and opportunities for measure development and measure endorsement. If you have any industry knowledge to share with the committee, please send to Sheree Murphy: [smurphy@nemsqa.org](mailto:smurphy@nemsqa.org).

## **ESO and National EMS Quality Alliance Partnership**

In July 2021, ESO became a Corporate Partner of NEMSQA. ESO, a leading data and software company serving emergency medical services (EMS), fire departments, hospitals, and state EMS/Trauma offices, has partnered with the National EMS Quality Alliance (NEMSQA) to support efforts to design, test and evaluate quality measures for emergency medical services and health systems of care. See the full announcement on the NEMSQA website:

[https://www.nemsqa.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/11/NEMSQA-and-FirstWatch-Announcement\\_FINAL.pdf](https://www.nemsqa.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/11/NEMSQA-and-FirstWatch-Announcement_FINAL.pdf)

We look forward to sharing more on our next General Membership meeting October 21st.

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