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Establishing Quality Measures for Patient Care

Dear NEMSQA members,

2022 has been another year of exciting work at NEMSQA. Thanks to dedicated support from our members and corporate sponsors, we are here to share these successes with you!

This year, we are especially proud of a few key items:

1. We are excited to welcome 19 new individual and agency members! Thank you for joining our mission to improve EMS quality!
2. The Lights & Siren (L&S) Collaborative has passed the halfway point and continues to challenge agencies to improve safety in their use of lights and sirens.
 - a. The Collaborative was recently featured in [EMSWorld](#), [JEMS](#) and on the [EMS Lighthouse Project](#) with Dr. Jeff Jarvis.
 - b. We welcomed our new project manager Jason Gilliam.
3. The Florida F.A.I.R. Measures are undergoing live testing and the final public comment period is open now until November 4th.
 - a. Please complete the [online survey](#).
4. The American College of Surgeons (ACS) released the 2021 National Guidelines for the Field Triage of Injured Patients which included the supporting measures NEMSQA created in collaboration with ACS.
 - a. For the full measure, [click here](#).
5. NEMSQA will be developing measures to support NASEMSO's Prehospital Airway Management Evidence-Based Guideline project. We look forward to another great partnership aligning measure development with evidence-based guidelines!
6. The NEMSQA Measure Development Committee is creating a pathway to identify EMS quality measures used by national or state organizations and endorse them for use nationwide.
 - a. We've identified 26 potential measures so far! We plan to prioritize up to 10 of them for endorsement.

We are so happy to share the work of EMS quality improvement with all of you. Thank you for your continued support!

Wishing you a safe, fun, and relaxing summer,

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NEMSQA Highlights

Welcome New Members!

NEMSQA launched our new website and updated membership offerings including Agency, Individual, and Affiliate Organization options. The updated membership structure provides new opportunities to engage EMS professionals interested in quality measurement and improvement and expand NEMSQA's expertise and capacity to advance the mission. For more information on these options, [click here!](#)

Individual Members

Steven Deutsch, Irving Fire Department
Charles Dunn, Essex Ambulance Association
Julie Charbonneau, Sioux Falls REMSA
Anthony Tucci, Western Berks Ambulance
Marshall Washick, DC Fire & EMS
Brian Levinsky, Northwell Health
Brian Staub, WellSpan Health EMS
T.J. Bishop, San Juan Island EMS
Michael Bentley, Kalamazoo County Medical
Control Authority
Zainab AlHussaini, King AbdulAziz Medical
City- National Guard Health Affairs
Jonathan Taft, First Responder EMS

Agency Members

RWJBarnabas Mobile Health (4 Individuals)
Steve Cohen
Jenna Ferlazzo
Neil Thorn
Bill Wang, MD
Western Banks Ambulance (4 Individuals)
Zac Derolf
Carrie Frey
Kelly Hackman
Anthony Tucci

Lights & Siren Collaborative

We are over halfway through the L&S Collaborative, and it is still going strong! This national quality improvement collaborative is focused on improving NEMSQA Safety-01 and 02 measures on use of lights and siren and has 50 participating EMS agencies from across the country.

These 50 agencies have participated in two 4-hour learning sessions during which teams discussed successes and challenges and planned the next steps in their improvement journey. Collectively, the participating teams have conducted 69 PDSA cycles, entered over 7,000 data points, and shared over 60 resources! They have engaged internal and external stakeholders to assess attitudes and beliefs around L&S in preparation for change, implemented modifications to dispatch protocols, and have seen measurable reduction in their use of lights and siren during response and transport.



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NEMSQA has hired Jason Gilliam as Project Manager for the Collaborative. He supports each team's individual improvement planning and hosts weekly group support sessions to facilitate shared learning.

The Collaborative was recently featured in [EMSWorld](#), [JEMS](#) and on the [EMS Lighthouse Project](#) with Dr. Jeff Jarvis. The Lights & Siren Collaborative Lessons Learned So Far webinar presented on July 13th can be found [here](#).

It is exciting to see so many people come together to improve safety for EMS providers, their patients, and the public. We look forward to embarking on the second half of the Collaborative with you!

Florida F.A.I.R Measures Update

Public comments on the F.A.I.R Measures are open for 90 days, ending November 4th.

Please share the link with your organization:

https://qfreeaccountssjc1.az1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_cHEXTIVJdbwLtEq

The FY2019 FLEX EMS Supplements are in their last year ending with 2022. The FY2022 Supplements will be awarded in August, and we look forward to seeing how these vital funds will help sustain the development and implementation of quality measures and quality improvement in EMS.

American College of Surgeons Trauma Field Triage Guidelines Measures

The American College of Surgeons (ACS) released the 2021 National Guidelines for the Field Triage of Injured Patients, which included the measures NEMSQA created in collaboration with ACS. The release can be found [here](#).

Special thanks again to Dr. Peter Fischer, the ACS Committee on Trauma representative to NEMSQA, for identifying and facilitating this exemplary partnership and collaboration.

NEMSQA Trauma-04 Update

The NEMSQA-4: Transported to Trauma Center measure has been updated to align with the new Guidelines for the Field Triage of Injured Patients. The technical documents on the NEMSQA website will be updated soon.



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Prehospital Airway Management Evidence-Based Guideline

NEMSQA is excited to be working in collaboration with NASEMSO as they lead development of the Prehospital Airway Management Evidence-Based Guideline (EBG). NEMSQA's role will be to develop measures supporting implementation of the EBG. We look forward to another great partnership to operationalize the evidence and develop measures that align with evidence-based guidelines! Thank you to NASEMSO and Dia Gainor for facilitating this collaboration!

Measure Development Committee

The NEMSQA Measure Development Committee is aiming to broaden the impact of existing EMS quality measures by identifying and endorsing those already used by national or state organizations. The Committee has identified 26 potential measures and is in the process of prioritizing up to 10 of them for endorsement. By amplifying these measures, we hope to foster collaboration in the EMS community and provide guidance and direction to organizations and agencies by pointing them to evidence-based, clinically relevant, and actionable measures.

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