Federal Interagency Committee on Emergency Medical Services An Update

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Purpose of FICEMS

- To ensure coordination among the Federal agencies involved with State, local, tribal, or regional emergency medical services and 9–1–1 systems.
- To identify State, local, tribal, or regional emergency medical services and 9–1–1 needs.
- To recommend new or expanded programs, including grant programs, for improving State, local, tribal, or regional emergency medical services and implementing improved emergency medical services communications technologies, including wireless 9–1–1.
- To identify ways to streamline the process through which Federal agencies support State, local, tribal or regional emergency medical services.
- To assist State, local, tribal or regional emergency medical services in setting priorities based on identified needs.
- To advise, consult, and make recommendations on matters relating to the implementation of the coordinated State emergency medical services programs.

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- Dr. Kevin Yeskey – 2009 Chair
- Statutory Federal coordination
- Focus – primarily out-of-hospital
- Next meeting – January 20th
- Regular reports from NEMSAC

Committees

- 9-1-1 / Medical Communications
- Medical Oversight
- Assessment
- Preparedness
- Data & Research
- Safety (new)
- Education and Workforce (new)

FICEMS – National Transportation Safety Board

- Mexican Hat Bus Crash
  - Wireless communications in rural area
  - Preparedness EMS response guidelines
  - Initial response to NTSB
- Helicopter EMS
  - Mode of transport
  - National guidelines for HEMS transport during EMS response system planning
- Strategy for addressing HEMS issues to be adopted during January FICEMS meeting

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- Research Gap Analysis
- National EMS Assessment
- Medical Direction letter
- NEMSIS letter
- Input to National Health Security Strategy
- Evidence-Based Practice Guidelines Process
- State Pandemic Influenza Assessment Report

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Research Gap Analysis

EMS Research Gap Analysis

- Developed for FICEMS by the EMS for Children National Resource Center at Children's National Medical Center
- Identifies gaps in research related to 3 related research agendas and other documents
- Includes Literature Review for Clinical and Non-clinical Studies

FICEMS and NEMSAC

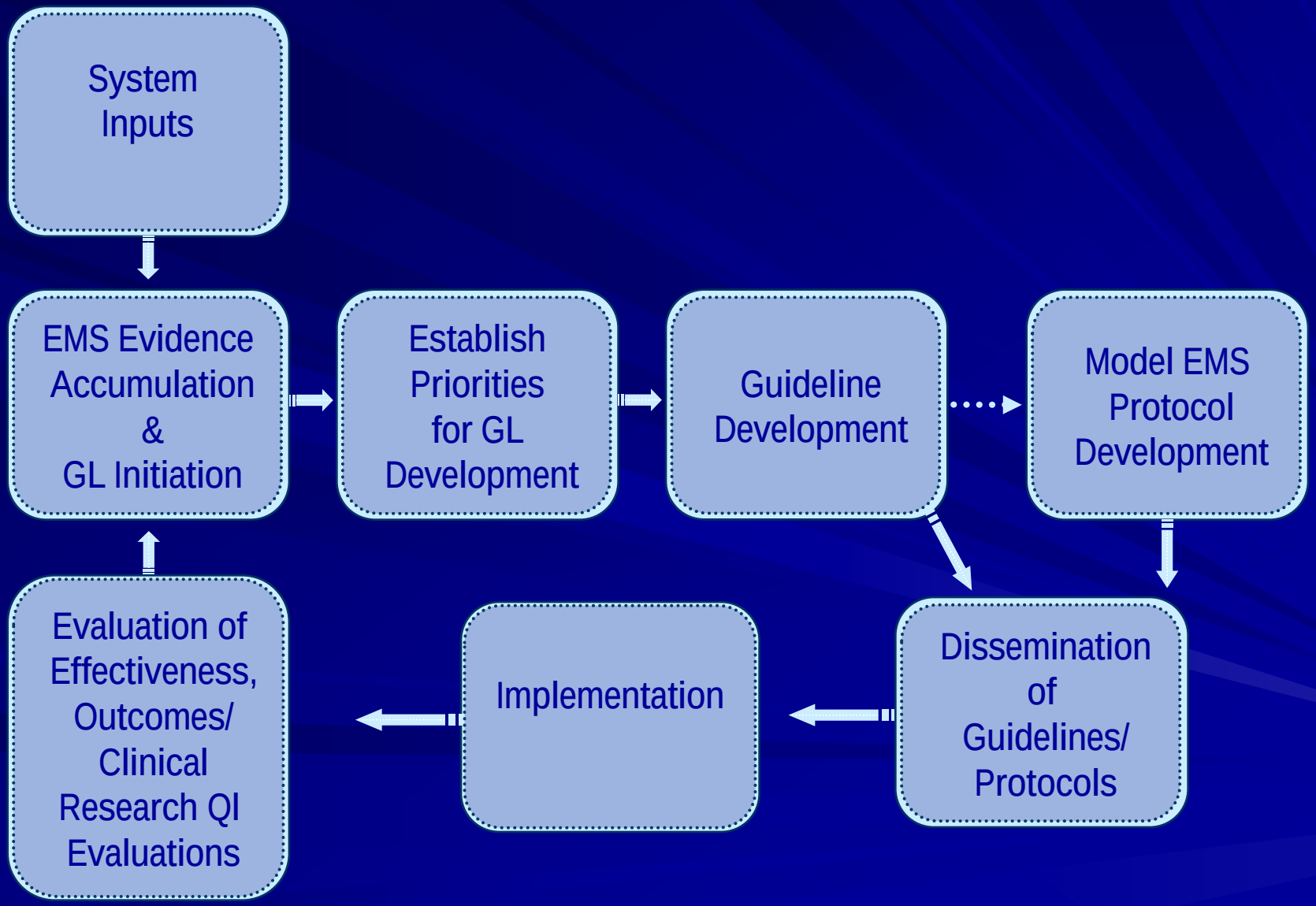
Evidence-Based Guideline
Model Process

Evidence-Based Guidelines Model Process

Goal: Establish a process for developing national evidence-based guidelines for out-of-hospital care

- Sponsored by FICEMS and NEMSAC
- National stakeholders conference – 2008
- EMSC Beta test – Pediatric Seizures
- Children's National Medical Center
  - –Develop & implement evidence-based guidelines using model process
- Guide revisions to Education Agenda (eventually)

Draft National Model



Evidence-Based Guidelines Model Process

Children's National Medical Center
Cooperative Agreement

- Awarded September 2009
- Includes adults & children
- Purpose: To develop & implement evidence-based guidelines & EMS protocols for:
  - –- Helicopter transport of injured patients
  - –- Prehospital Pain Management
- Multi-disciplinary Expert Panel
- Protocol Implementation & Evaluation: MIEMSS

- Help inform FICEMS' response to NTSB's HEMS recommendations

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National EMS Assessment

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Assess state of nation's EMS, preparedness, and 9-1-1 systems

- FICEMS / Technical Working Group - Assessment Committee
- Analyze existing data & identify data gaps
- Establish sustainable process for ongoing national assessment
- Competitive RFP
  - ✓ Awarded to University of North Carolina