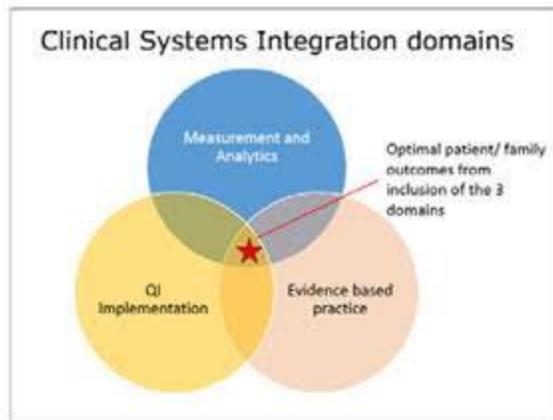


HRSA EMSC Program Announcement Regarding the EMSC Innovation & Improvement Center

The HRSA EMS for Children Program, within the Maternal and Child Health Bureau/Division of Child, Adolescent and Family Health, works to improve emergency systems of care to ensure that every child has access to optimal pediatric emergency care no matter where they live or travel. To accomplish this, investments are organized into six domains to build, sustain and improve pediatric emergency care, which include: Systems Integration, Innovation, Evidence Generation, Quality Improvement, Infrastructure Development, and Accountability. This year, HRSA established an EMSC Innovation and Improvement Center (EIIC) to support the Program's efforts to address each of these domains with an ultimate goal of improving outcomes of care.



Beginning July 1, 2016, the **BAYLOR COLLEGE OF MEDICINE and TEXAS CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL based in Houston, Texas** will launch the EIIC. Charles Macias, MD, MPH, will direct the EIIC, with the executive leadership shared by Krisanne Graves, PhD, RN, Kate Remick, MD, and Manish Shah, MD, MS. The executive leadership will work in partnership with HRSA EMSC, the American Academy of Pediatrics, the Emergency Nurses Association, the National Association of State EMS Officials, and other national partners. Using a clinical systems

integration framework (pictured) with input from subject matter experts and stakeholder organizations, the EIIC will collaboratively provide EMSC grantees and the emergency care community with the training, support and tools to use Quality Improvement methodologies to minimize morbidity and mortality in children who have sustained severe illness or injury.

The EIIC will provide support to the State Partnership, State Partnership Regionalization of Care, Targeted Issues, and Pediatric Emergency Care Applied Research Network EMSC Program grant recipients. Specifically, the EIIC will help EMSC Program grant recipients to develop and implement Quality Improvement (QI) strategies to improve pediatric emergency medical services throughout the entire continuum of care in both prehospital and hospital care settings, and reduce childhood death and disability due to severe illness or injury. This will be accomplished by:

- Identifying evidence-based, evidence-informed, and innovative strategies and tools to improve pediatric emergency medical services and educating the EMSC community regarding those strategies and tools;
- Accelerating data analytics and transforming it to actionable strategies to drive quality improvement; and
- Advancing the National EMSC Performance Measures through the development and implementation of QI collaboratives.

The HRSA EMSC Programs welcomes Baylor College of Medicine/Texas Children's Hospital.

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