

Comparing Treatment  
Approaches to Promote  
Inpatient  
Rehabilitation  
Effectiveness  
for  
TBI



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# CARE-4-TBI Collaborators



# CARE4TBI Leadership

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A comprehensive investigation of ‘real-life’ rehabilitation approaches to generate findings that can directly impact clinical practice. We are accomplishing this with:

Lessons learned from >10 years of preliminary studies

The infrastructure of the NIDILRR-funded TBI Model Systems

Stakeholder engagement

Development of standardized data capture within EMRs to allow for collection of data on inpatient rehabilitation as it naturally occurs

Use of advanced causal inference methods to test hypotheses comparing rehab approaches



# TBI Practice-Based Evidence Study

**TBI-PBE Occupational Therapy Form v.10.1.08**

**Session Info**

Patient Name(s): RJ Clinician ID: 1 2 3 Start Time: 1 0 :00 :15 AM Date: 07/15/08  
 Documenting For: Self Aide COTA Student Other OT Total Session Time: 6 0  
 Session Type: Individual Group # of Session Participants: COTA: OT: 0 1 Student: Other Discipline: Activity Location: On Campus Off Campus Home

**Serial Casting:** Right Left  
 E - - E  
 W - - W  
 MCP - - MCP  
 PIP - - PIP  
 DIP - - DIP

**PROM**

**Complete at End of ALL Individual Sessions**

Patient Level of Effort (Participation) Over Entire Session: Circle one: 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 N/A (Rancho 1-3)

**Factors Influencing Session** (circle all that apply): Agitation Disinterest Emotional Problem Fatigue Inattention Lack of Initiation Lack of Insight Low Arousal Medical Complications Pain

**Interventions**

**Neuromusculoskeletal Interventions**  
 01 Balance Training  
 02 Positioning  
 03 Postural Awareness  
 04 Strengthening  
 05 Mobilization/Manual Therapy  
 06 ROM  
 07 Edema Control  
 08 Constrained Induced Movement Therapy  
 09 Taping  
 10 Pain Intervention  
 11 Tone and Spasticity Management  
 12 Fine Motor Coordination

**Neuromusculoskeletal Approaches**  
 13 Motor Learning  
 14 Blended Approach (PNF/NDT/ABing)  
 15 One-Handed Techniques  
 16 Energy Conservation  
 17 Environmental Adaptation  
 18 Adaptive Equipment  
 19 DME  
 20 Cognitive Compensatory Strategies

**Cardiopulmonary Interventions**  
 21 Breathing  
 22 Overall Endurance/Activity Tolerance

**Area Involved/Non-Functional**  
 23 Upper Extremity  
 24 Trunk  
 25 Neck  
 26 Integrated Cognitive Training  
 27 Behavioral Management  
 28 Memory Training  
 29 Attention Training  
 30 Executive Function  
 31 Sensory Stimulation  
 32 Perceptual Training  
 33 Visual Training  
 34 Sensory Training  
 35 Insight/Safety Awareness

**Equipment Interventions**  
 36 Emotional Support  
 37 Communication  
 38 Initial Assessment  
 39 Fabrication  
 40 Modification  
 41 Electrical Stimulation  
 42 Biofeedback  
 43 Thermal  
 44 Vibration  
 45 TENS  
 46 Ultrasound  
 47 Neurocom  
 48 Bioness

**Education Interventions**  
 49 Family/Caregiver  
 50 Staff  
 51 Ambulatory Devices  
 52 Wheelchair  
 53 Visual Assistive Device  
 54 Transfer Device  
 55 Training Device  
 56 Standing Frame  
 57 Tilt Table

**Cognitive Assistive Devices**  
 58 Electronic Memory/Attention  
 59 Memory Books  
 60 Schedules/Calendars  
 61 Communication Devices  
 62 Checklists

**Cognitive Training Format**  
 63 Computer-Based Programs  
 64 Paper and Pencil Tasks  
 65 Homework

**Cognitive Training Devices**  
 66 Intervention Battery  
 67 Dynavision  
 68 Driving Simulator  
 69 Games/Activities

**Activities**

**Self Care**  
 1 Bathing  
 2 Upper Body Dressing  
 3 Lower Body Dressing  
 4 Grooming  
 5 Toileting  
 6 Feeding  
 7 Bed, Chair, W/C Transfer  
 8 Bed Mobility  
 9 Toilet Transfer  
 10 Tub or Shower Transfer  
 11 Car Transfer  
 12 Wheelchair Management  
 13 Sexuality

**Impairment**  
 14 Cognitive Activity  
 15 Perceptual Activity  
 16 Visual Activity  
 \*When assessing:  
 14 Cognitive Activity,  
 28 Pre-functional Activity, &  
 29 Upper Extremity Activity,  
 include intervention numbers that specify the type of assessment.

**IADLs**  
 17 Functional Mobility  
 18 Home Management  
 19 Money Management  
 20 Meal Management  
 21 Pre-Driving Activity  
 22 Community Transport  
 23 Prevocational/Vocational  
 24 Community Mobility  
 25 Community Integration  
 26 Leisure Performance  
 27 Environmental Adaptability

**Other**  
 28 Pre-functional Activity  
 29 Upper Extremity Activity  
 30 Casting (Serial)  
 31 Casting (Orthopedic)  
 32 Splinting  
 33 Interview  
 34 Education  
 35 Initial Evaluation

**Environment Key**  
 1 = Quiet  
 2 = Minimally Stimulating  
 3 = Moderately Stimulating  
 4 = Maximally Stimulating

- Led by John Corrigan, PhD and Susan Horn, PhD
- Funded by NIDILRR and NIH
- Included 9 US sites and 1 Canada site
- Provided insight into the “black box” of rehabilitation therapies, their natural variation, and association with outcomes
- Therapists designed data collection forms that they completed **IN ADDITION** to their standard clinical documentation

# TBI Model Systems

- Funded by the National Institute on Disability, Independent Living, and Rehabilitation Research, Administration for Community Living
- World's largest TBI longitudinal database with over 19,000 participants
- Follows individuals with moderate-severe TBI from inpatient rehabilitation through their lifetime
- Currently 16 sites
- The TBI Model System National Data and Statistical Center provides the infrastructure to manage not only the National Database, but to also host affiliate studies as well as the VA TBI Model Systems

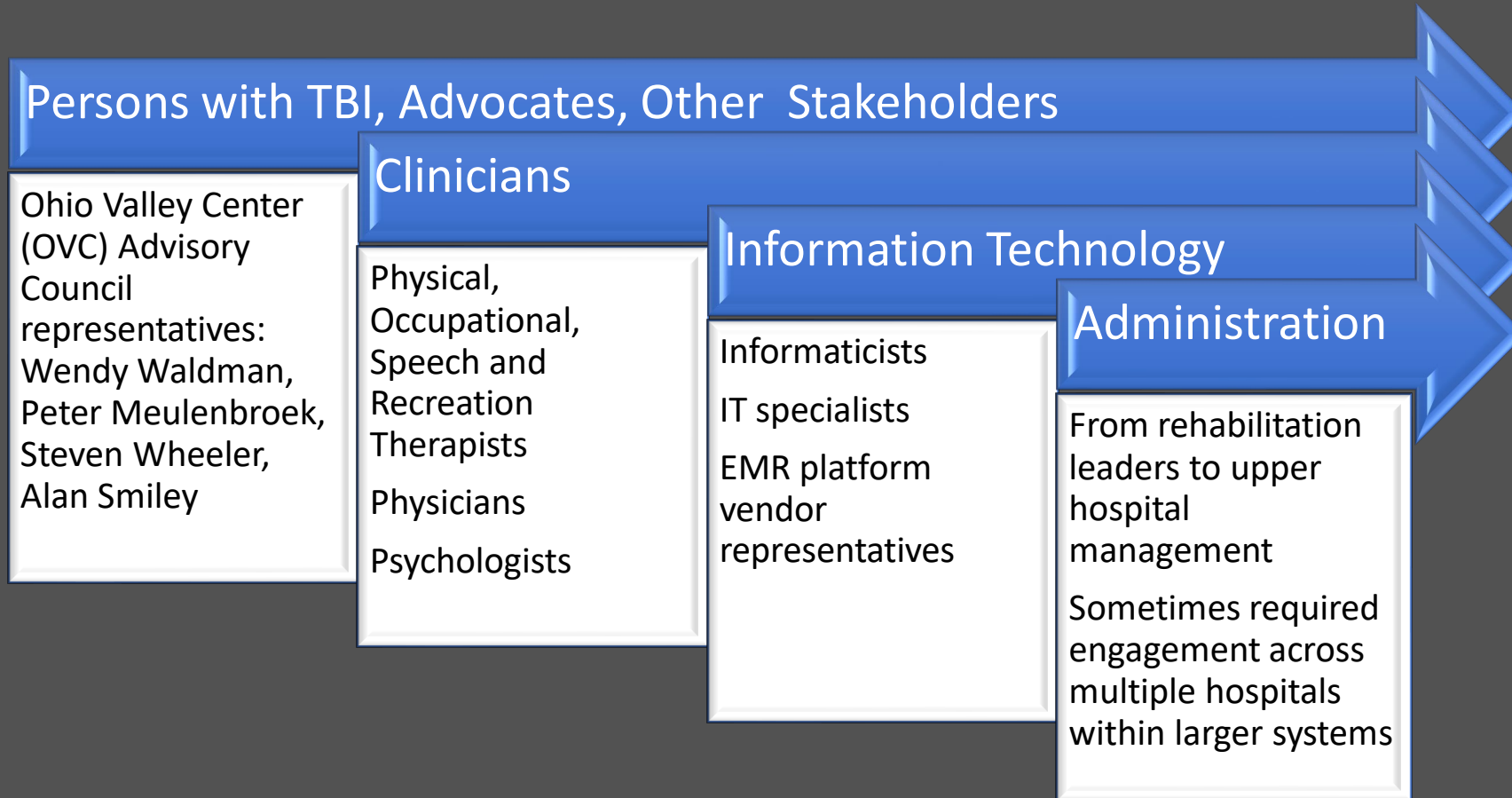


**NDSC**

National Data and Statistical Center  
Traumatic Brain Injury Model System



# CARE4TBI Stakeholder Engagement





# Standardize Data Capture in the EMR

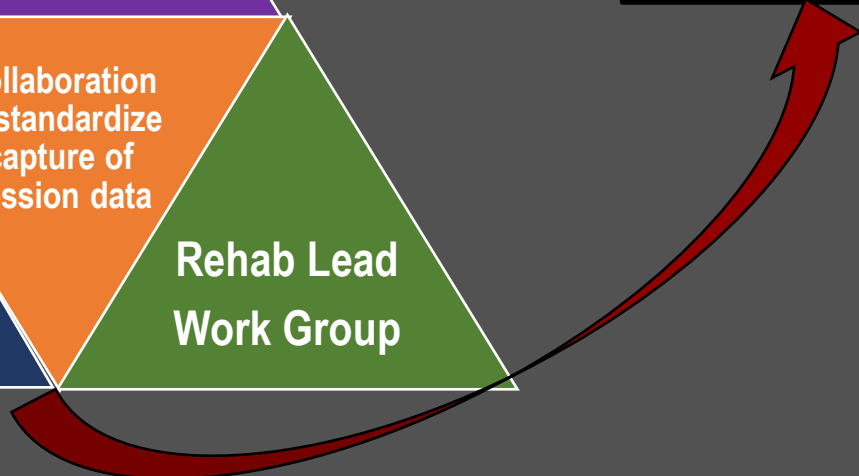
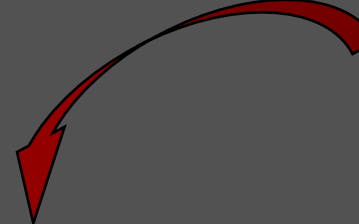
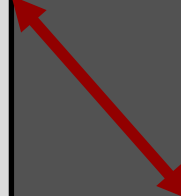
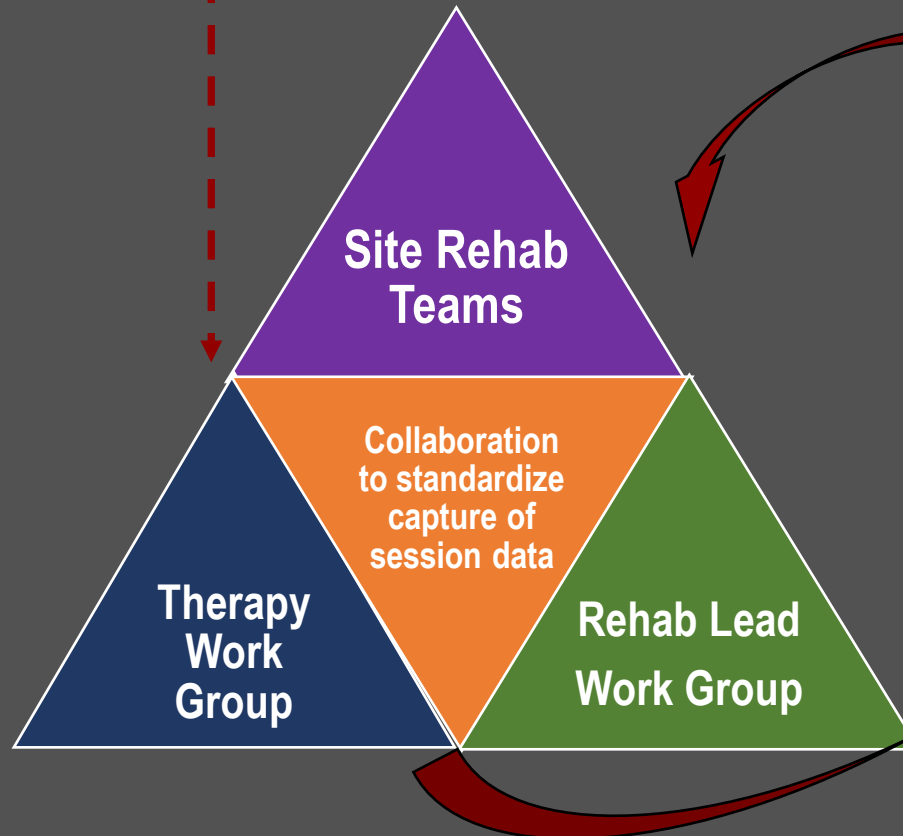
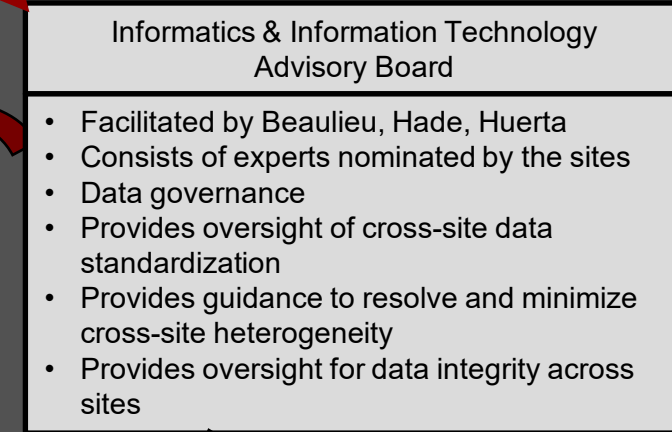
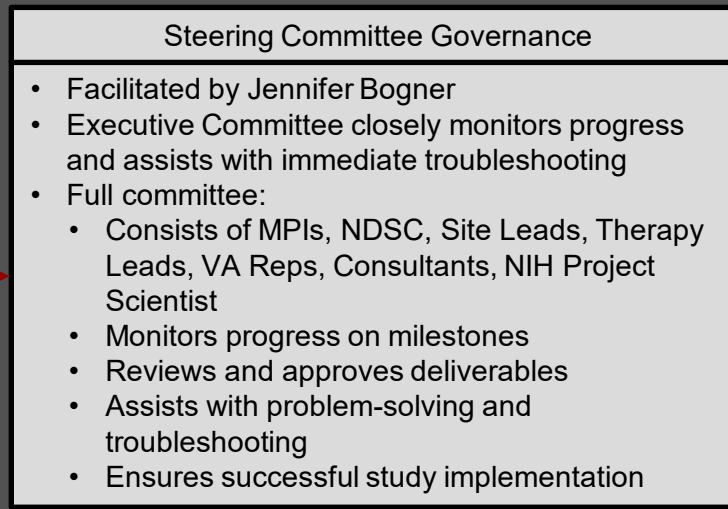
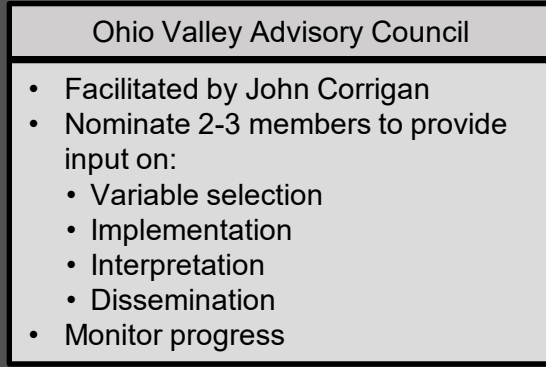
## ...across 15 sites with two EMR vendors (AIM 1, 9/2021-8/2023)

Therapist-driven development with guidance and support for design from Informatics and Information Technology (IIT) experts:

- Identify, design, standardize data elements to be captured in the daily session notes and extracted for both research and clinical operations.
- Reduce/eliminate redundancy with existing data fields.
- Ensure retention of data for regulatory/payment purposes.
- Strive for “Click Reduction”-format with efficiency in mind!
- Ingest, implement, adopt new data fields into each site’s workflow to maximize documentation efficiency.



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# UG3 AIM ! Results

- Consensus was reached on critical data elements for the session level as well as activity level
- Templates were built with the data elements and incorporated into site workflows
- 13 sites trained clinical staff and went live in accordance with timeline
- One site is changing vendors this year and will go live next year
- One site could not complete the full build due to administrative issues and decided to discontinue

### Session Information

#### Location

Environmental Stimulation  
Patient Effort and Participation  
Purpose/Target

Complete for ALL sessions.

#### Others in Attendance

Non-provider attendee  
Co-treating provider  
Skilled Intervention

#### Factors Influencing Session

Arousal/Consciousness  
Behavior Excess  
Behavior Reduction  
Cognition  
Communication  
Emotional  
Physiological  
Pain  
Sensory  
Social  
Other (specify)

Complete select fields when relevant to a session.

#### Pain

Pain Scale  
Pain Rating  
Primary Pain Location

Complete ALL fields when relevant to a session.

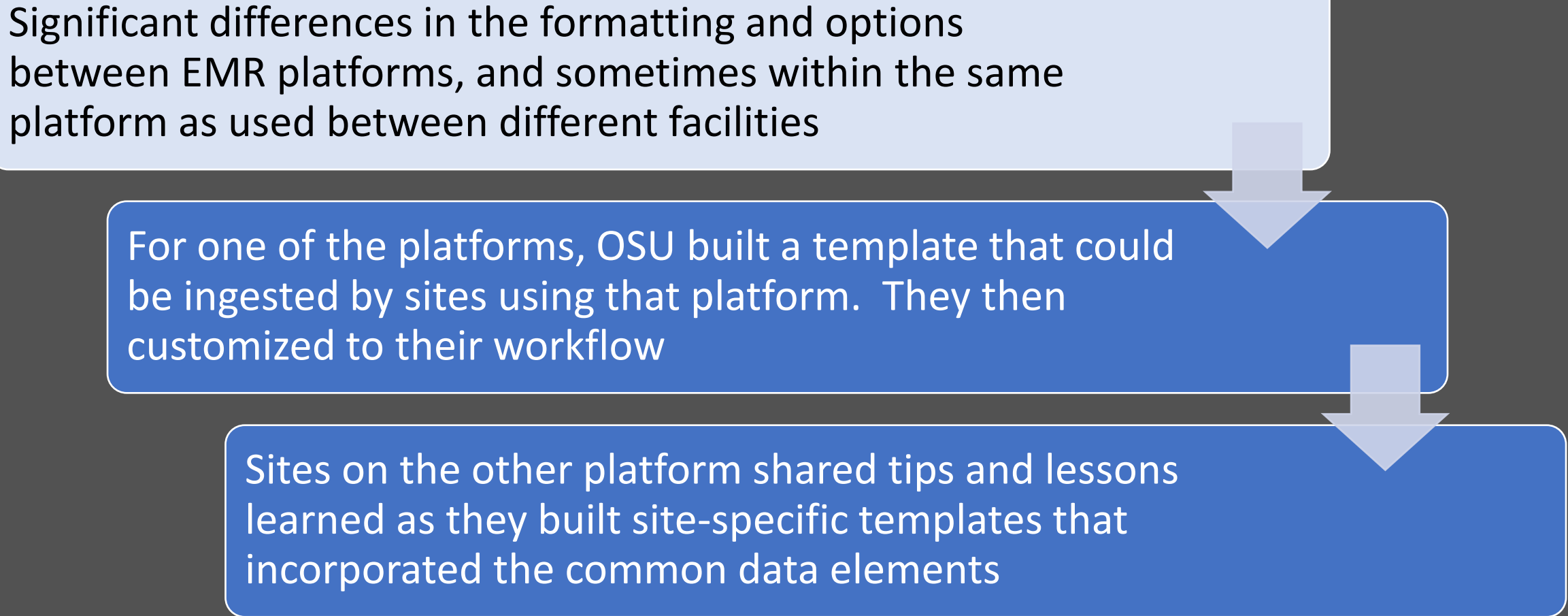
#### Vitals

Pulse (Heart Rate)  
Resp Rate  
BP  
O2 Sat (%)

Complete select fields when relevant to a session.

# Problems and Solutions

Significant differences in the formatting and options between EMR platforms, and sometimes within the same platform as used between different facilities



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# Problems and Solutions

Therapists vary in their preference for the use of discrete fields (e.g. dropdown menus) versus narration

Terms used to describe the same activities varied between therapists.



A comment section was provided for each therapeutic activity, allowing therapists to narrate impressions (if that is their preference) in addition to completing the discrete fields indicating what they did in the session



Reached consensus on terminology when able, allowed for customization at entry level as long as extraction report was consistent with common terminology, developed operational definitions. When the list of potential activities was too long to include in a drop down, a narrative field was provided (discrete fields capture most project required elements).

## UH3 Phase

Collect Prospective Data and Conduct Analyses to:

1. Compare the effectiveness of well-defined rehabilitation approaches to improve community participation and functional independence of patients with TBI.
2. Identify patient, provider, setting, and post-discharge factors that modify the effect of therapy on outcomes.



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# UH3 Phase

## 9/1/23 to 8/31/28

- Participant enrollment began 9/1/23. Will accrue 1575 participants in about 3.5 years
- Data quality audits have been initiated
- Outcomes on community participation and functional independence will be collected at discharge, 6 months, and 12 months post-injury
- All data is being compiled and stored at the TBIMS National Data and Statistical Center at Craig Hospital

Stay Tuned!

