

LERN 2025-2027 STRATEGIC PRIORITIES

Priority #1: Continue buildout and refinement efforts designed to sustain LERN's statewide care coordination systems, including Trauma, Stroke, STEMI (heart attack), Burn, and MCI/Disaster Response.

2025 Trauma System Goals

Research tele-health opportunities to improve access to trauma specialty services in rural Louisiana. Report options back to LERN Board. (specifically for hand, craniofacial)

< 15% first call denial rate for transfers facilitated by the LCC to Louisiana trauma centers in greater than 80% of trauma centers.

Support dissemination of Trauma education courses throughout the state.

2025 Stroke System Goals

50% Acute Stroke Ready Hospitals (ASRH) with Door to Needle (DTN) \leq 45 minutes by the end of CY 2025. *Baseline Q1/Q2 2024 aggregate = 30%

30% ASRH with Door-In-Door-Out (DIDO) \leq 90 minutes by the end of CY 2025. *Baseline Q1/Q2 2024 aggregate = 19%

75% of Primary Stroke Centers (PSC) with DTN \leq 45 minutes by the end of CY 2025. *Baseline Q1/Q2 2024 aggregate = 56%

50% PSC with DIDO \leq 90 minutes by the end of CY 2025. *Baseline Q1/Q2 2024 aggregate = 31%

Continue pediatric stroke sub-committee to address pediatric stroke care. Performance Indicator:

- Develop initial and secondary destination protocol for stroke.
- Develop protocol for how to address suspected pediatric stroke.

Support the Stroke Recognition and Response (SRR) and Basic Stroke Education (BSE) classes in all 9 regions.

2025 STEMI System Goals

Convene STEMI Expert workgroup to develop framework to add Cardiogenic Shock into existing STEMI System. Provide recommendation to the LERN Board on:

- STEMI Center Levels
- Attestation vs. Certification vs. Hybrid
- Destination Protocol

Continue public education on heart attack signs and symptoms and the importance of calling 911.

- Teach signs and symptoms of heart attack hands only CPR, and AED training at the end of every Stop the Bleed Class.

Provide 12 Lead EKG course in all 9 regions.

Decrease Door in Door Out time for STEMI patients not receiving lytics at STEMI Referral Centers by 25%.

2025 Burn System Goals

Identify educational needs and provide resources as applicable.

Execute weekly mass notification/resource update drills with ABA, statewide burn centers, and other facilities within the Southern Regional Burn Consortium and achieve 85% compliance.

2025 MCI/Disaster Response System Goals

LERN Communication Center participation in at least one MCI drill, functional, or full-scale exercise in each of the 9 LDH Regions.

Conduct at least one operation- based exercise with each LCC staff member in the calendar year.

Conduct annually a tri-regional EMS education day for EMS, fire, law enforcement or other agencies. Education to include pertinent topics related to the regional makeup of the system.

Develop an MCI training pilot program for Region 2 and duplicate the training with all the other Regions starting in August 2025.

Complete LERN Emergency Operations plan.

*** Priority #2 Conduct comprehensive assessments (trauma, stroke, STEMI) of the basic LERN operating model designed to address the convener versus regulator issues raised by the American College of Surgeons/Committee on Trauma (ACS/COT) 2024 LERN Consultation Report.**

2025 Goals

Establish a study group of 7 to 9 LERN insiders (system experts) to oversee this assessment project.

Present study groups findings and proposed recommendations to LERN Board.

*** Priority #3 Expand and refine LERN’s data (collection/analysis/reporting) and performance improvement (PI) functions across all LERN care coordination systems.**

2025 Goals

Identify state-injury data sources and enhance data collection and utilization to better understand injury patterns in Louisiana.

Research and develop trauma performance improvement program.

Establish public facing dashboard of key performance metrics for systems of care.

Priority #4 Pursue practical opportunities to secure additional, dedicated, state funding that expands LERN’s operational capacity to better meet the statewide demand for its services.

2025 Goals

Identify funding mechanism for consideration in 2025 Regular Legislative Session.

Establish outreach plan to educate legislators on LERN and need for dedicated, sustainable funding at level to meet agency mission.

* Workgroup may identify additional strategic initiatives, which would be incorporated into subsequent annual goals.