

Standards & Interoperability Framework: An Overview

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Five Broad Goals for “Meaningful Use”

The vision for meaningful use is to enable significant and measurable improvements in population health through a transformed health care delivery system.

The 5 overarching goals are as follows:

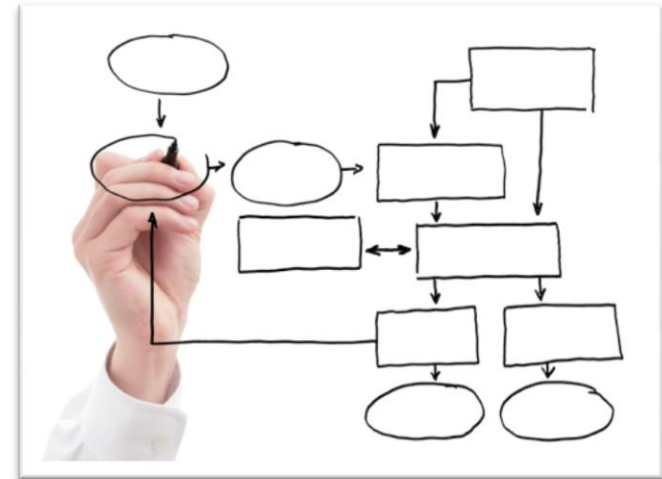
1. Improve quality, safety and efficiency
2. Engage patients and their families
3. Improve care coordination
4. Improve population and public health and reduce disparities in care
5. Ensure privacy and security protections

Adapted from National Priorities Partnership. National Priorities and Goals: Aligning Our Efforts to Transform America's Healthcare. Washington, DC: National Quality Forum; 2008.

Are standards necessary? Is interoperability important?

- Standards can be the basis for innovation
- Meaningful use Stage 2 certification requires the EHR to share information
 - Care Summary and relevant documentation
 - Ability to view, download, and transmit
- 3 dependent activities, all requiring Community
 - Standards and Interoperability
 - Implementation Guides
 - Testing and Certification

- Interoperability is a *journey*, not a destination
- Leverage *government as a platform* for innovation to create conditions of interoperability
- Health information exchange is *not one-size-fits-all*
- Build in *incremental steps* – “don’t let the perfect be the enemy of the good”



Enable stakeholders

to come up with simple, shared solutions to common information exchange challenges



Curate a portfolio of standards, services, and policies that accelerate information exchange

Collaborate with federal agencies to coordinate federal health IT priorities as manager of Federal Health Architecture

Support Innovation through SHARP program, Innovation/Challenge Grants, and interfacing with international Standards community

What is the S&I Framework?

- The Standards and Interoperability (S&I) Framework represents one investment and approach adopted by the Office of Science & Technology (OST) to fulfill its charge of prescribing health IT standards and specifications to support national health outcomes and healthcare priorities.
- The S&I Framework is an example of “government as a platform” – enabled by integrated functions, processes, and tools – for the open community of implementers and experts to work together to develop and harmonize health information exchange standards.



- **S&I Framework Approach:**
 - Creates a collaborative, coordinated incremental standards process,
 - Guided by ONC, with input from Federal Advisory Committees,
 - Enabled and led by the an open community of industry participants who are interested in solving real world problems
- **Value created through this approach:**
 - Solves **real-world** issues to enable health information exchange
 - Harnesses the expertise and passion of the community to solve problems
 - Empowers the community to create the best solutions for interoperability and standards adoption

ONC's Standards "Stack"

Vocabulary & Code Sets

How should well-defined values be coded so that they are universally understood?

Content Structure

How should the message be formatted so that it is computable?

Transport

How does the message move from A to B?

Security

How do we ensure that messages are secure and private?

Services

How do health information exchange participants find each other?

S&I Initiative Portfolio Snapshot

Pre-Discovery

Use Case

Harmonization

RI, Test & Pilot

Evaluation

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| Direct Project (S&I Archetype) | | |
| Transitions of Care | | <i>Pilots Underway</i> |
| Lab Results Interface | | <i>2nd IG Ballot Publication (4/9/12)</i> |
| Query Health | | <i>Plan to begin piloting in April 2012</i> |
| Provider Directories | | <i>Looking at potential pilots and reference implementation</i> |
| Data Segmentation for Privacy | | <i>Targeting completion of pilot(s) and initial evaluation by September 2012</i> |
| Public Health Reporting | | <i>Community-Led initiative</i> |
| esMD | | <i>1st (of 3) use cases consensus-approved; Targeting completion of pilot(s) and initial evaluation by October 2012</i> |
| Longitudinal Coordination of Care | | <i>Working on Extension of the ToC Use Case for LCC (reuse); Limited Support Initiative</i> |
| Laboratory Orders Interface | | <i>Use Case Reached Consensus In August 2012</i> |
| Health eDecisions | | <i>Developing Two Use Cases: Artifact Sharing and Guidance Service</i> |
| Automate Blue Button (ABBI) | | <i>S&I Community launched August 2012</i> |

Current S&I Initiatives: Operating Metrics

How long has it been?

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| Framework Launch Date | Jan 7, 2011 |
| First Initiatives Launched | Jan 31, 2011 |
| Elapsed Time (as-of today) | 17 months |

How much effort have we put in?

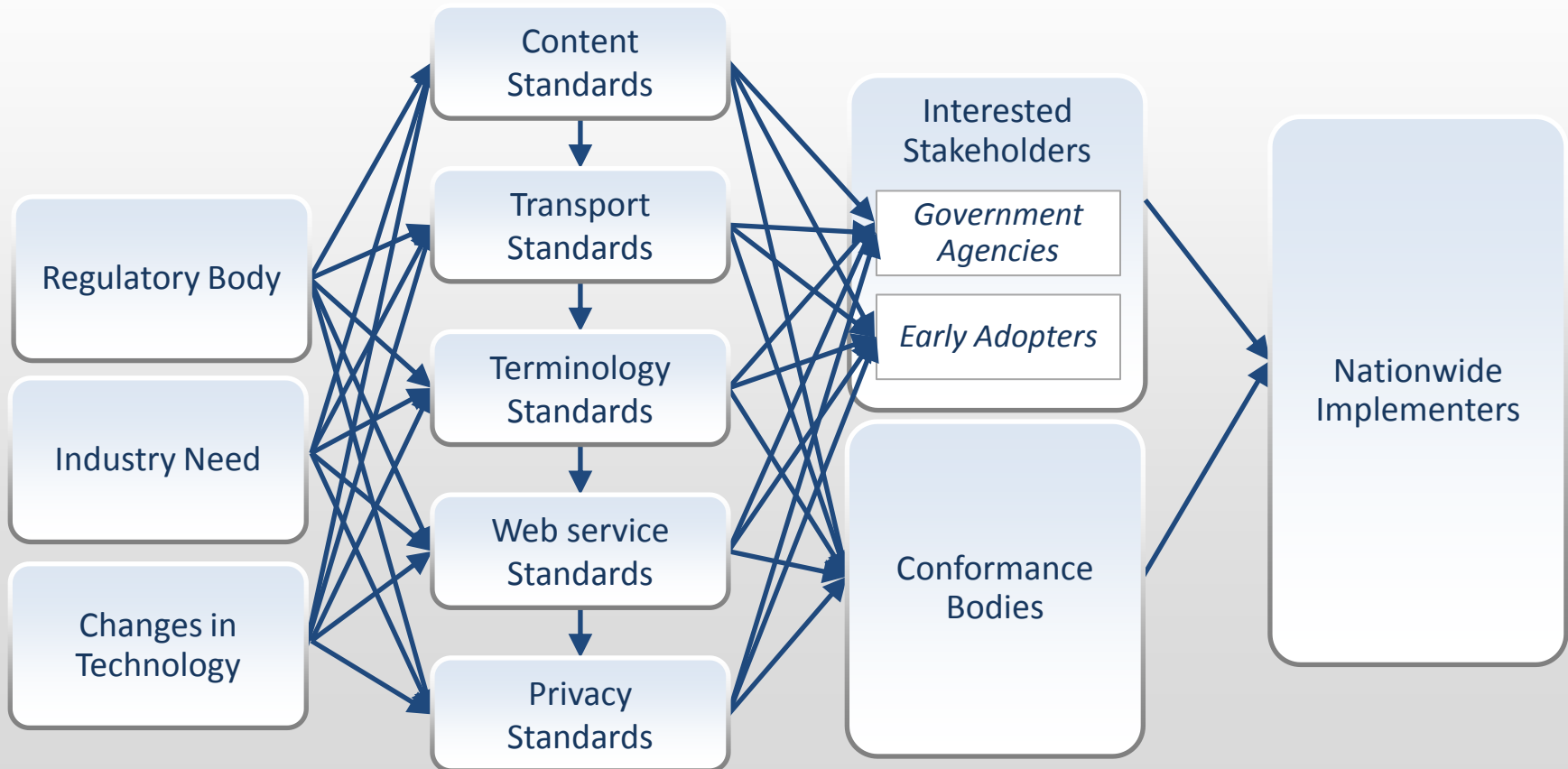
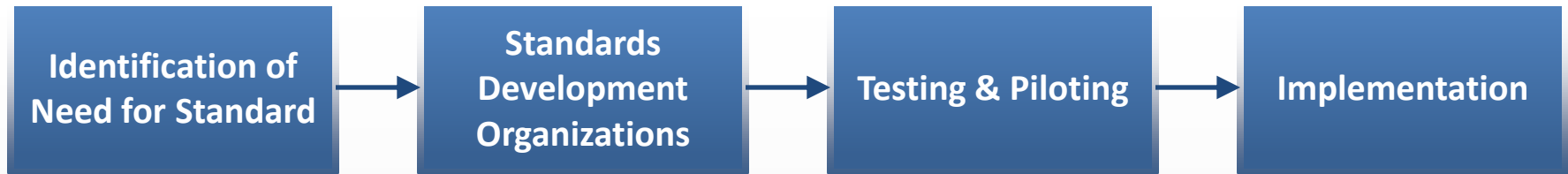
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| # Wiki Registrants | 1268 |
| # Committed Members | 502 |
| # Committed Organizations | 376 |
| # Working Sessions Held | 799 |
| # Days Between Sessions* | 0.5 |

How much have we accomplished?

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| # Use Case Artifacts | 33 |
| # Harmonized Segments/Sections | 150 |
| # RI/Test Artifacts | 64 |
| # Pilots Committed or In Discovery | 20+ |
| # Pilot Vendors | 25+ |
| # Pilot Healthcare Organizations (e.g. hospitals, HIEs) | 35+ |
| HL7 Ballots | 3 |
| # Ballot Comments Received | 1,854 |
| # Ballot Comments Resolved | 1,479 |

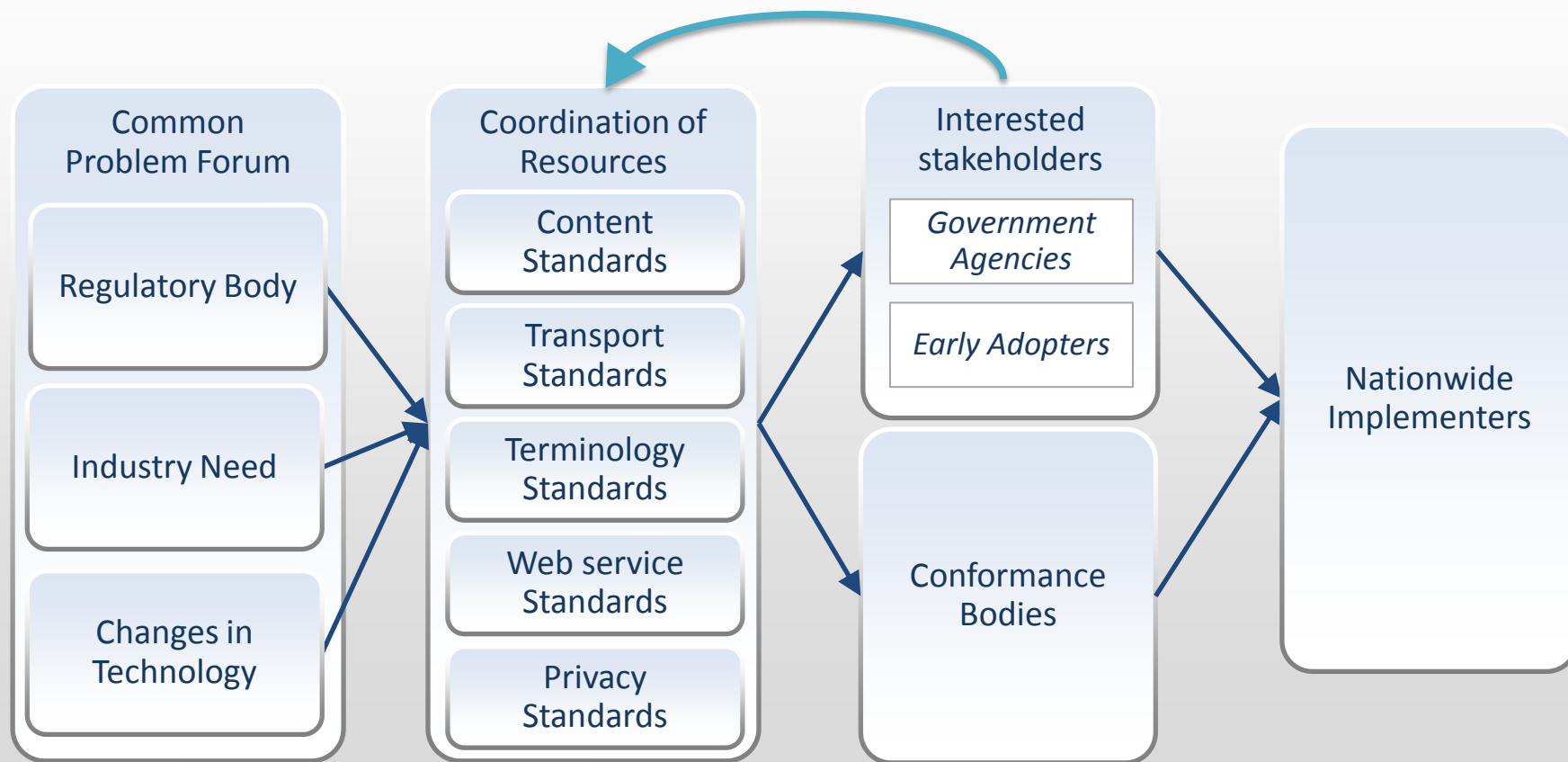
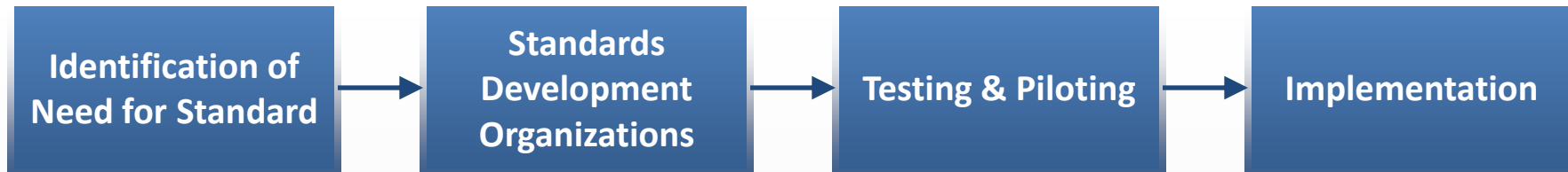
Standards Development *before* the S&I Framework

Disparate entities with a lifecycle ranging from 18-36 months



Standards Development *with* the S&I Framework

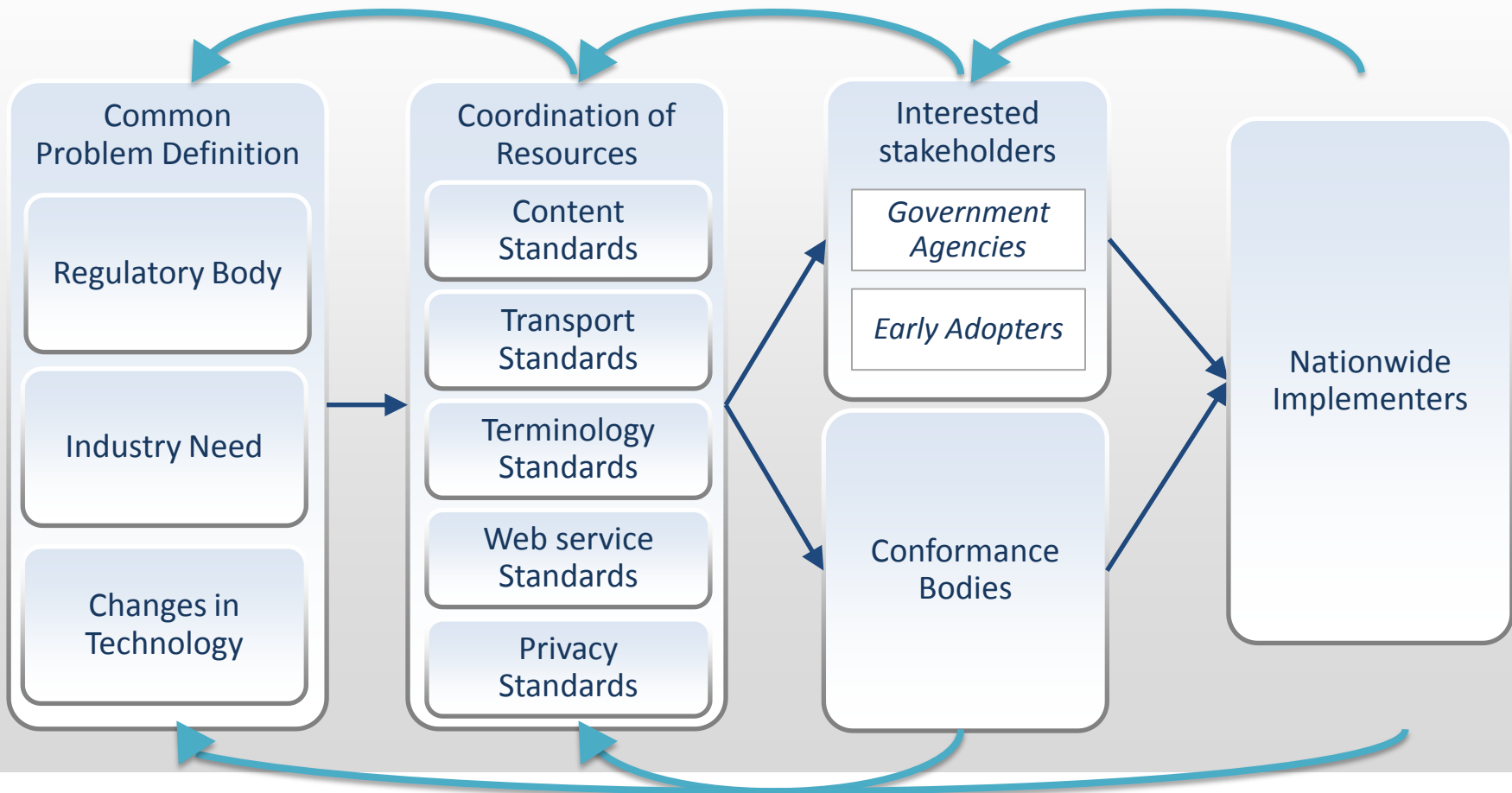
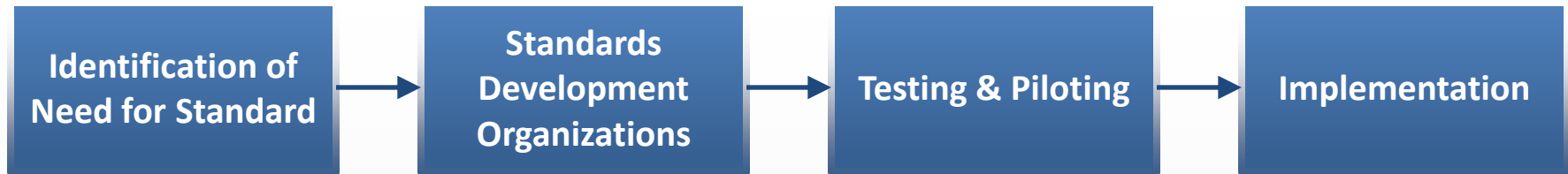
Coordinated entities with a lifecycle ranging from 9-18 months



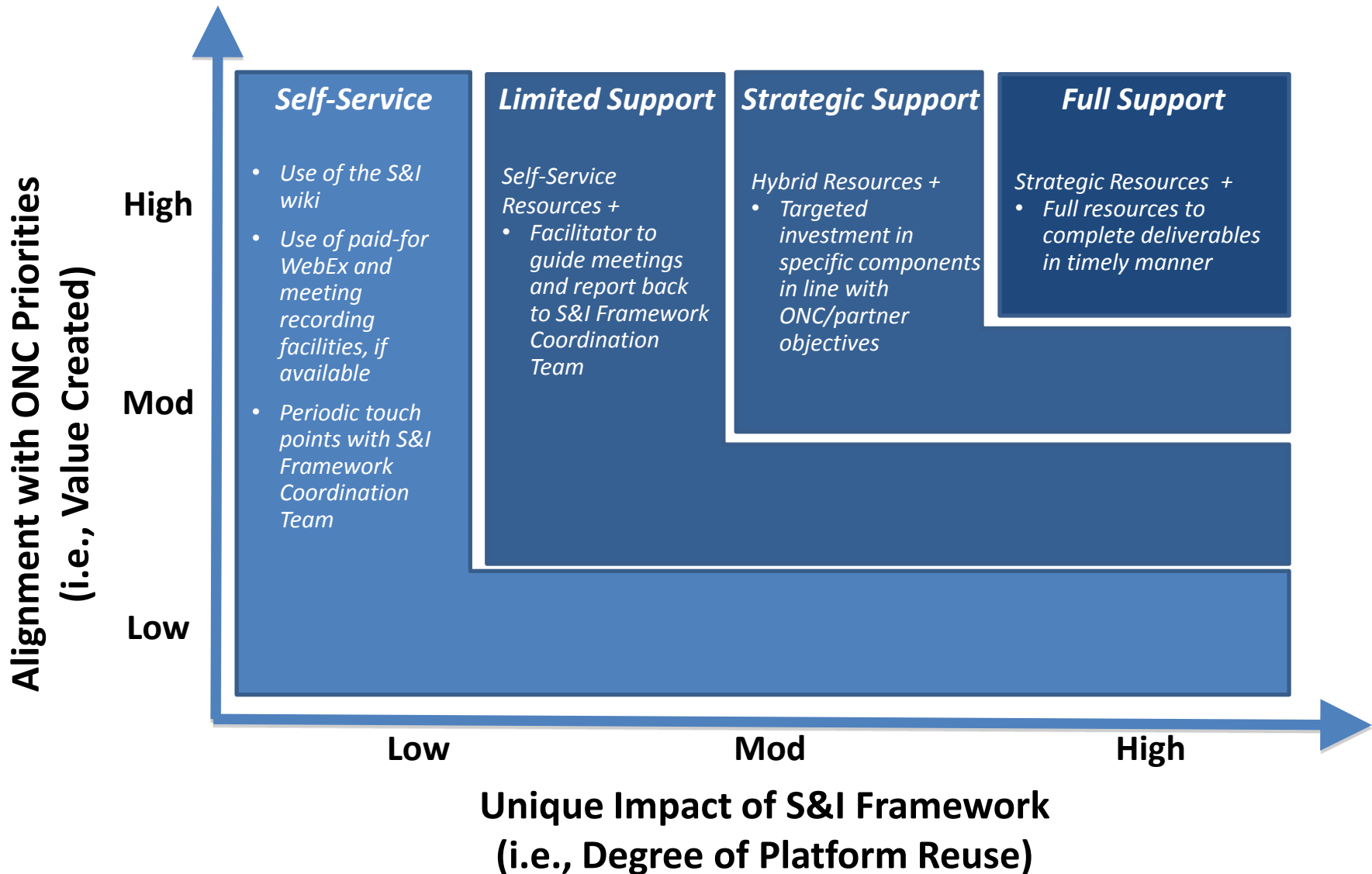
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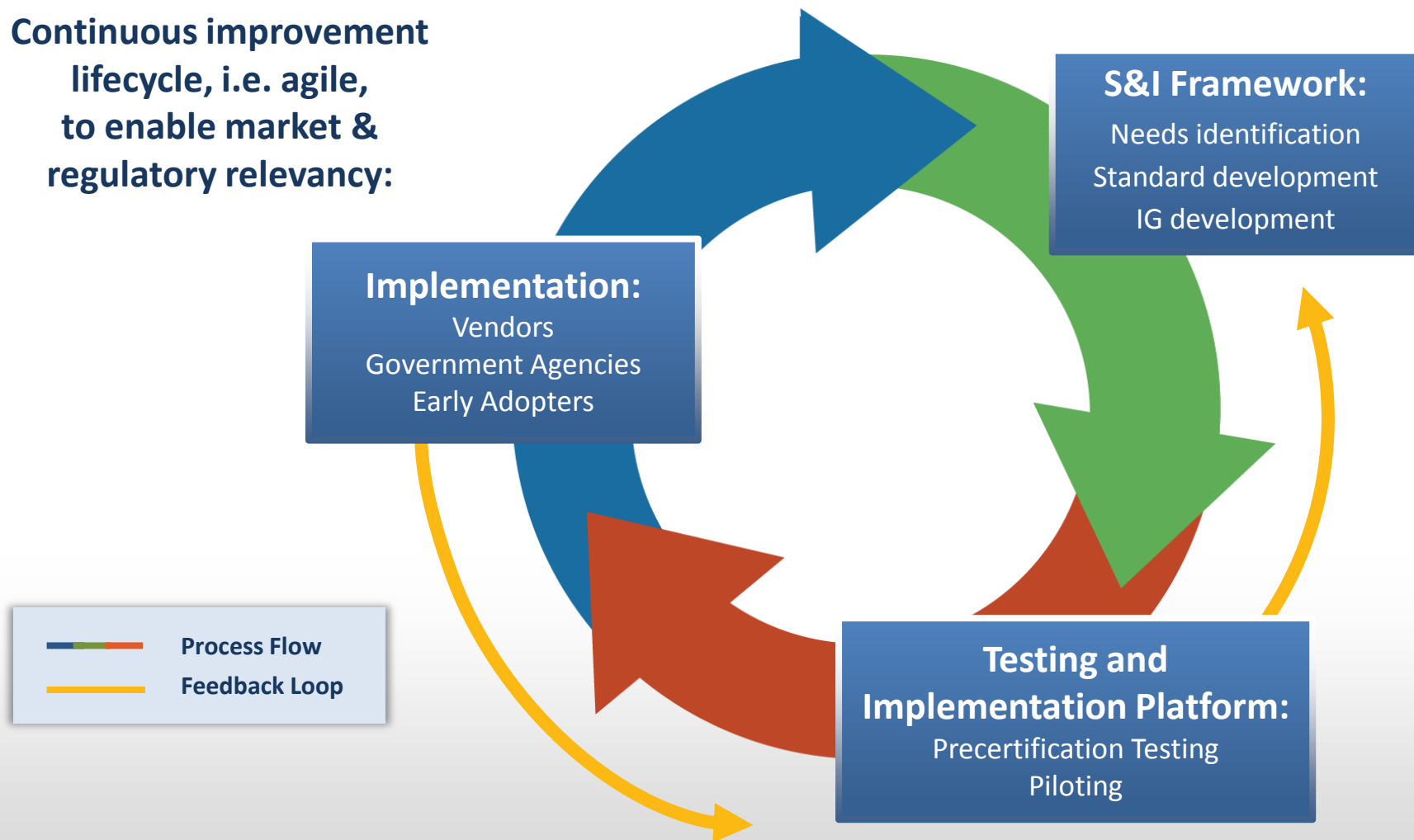


How do we support S&I initiatives?



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- ONC's commitment to support the community and accelerate the standards development process will continue. The HITECH Act has given ONC the responsibility to support standards and certification criteria now and in the future.
- We are working *within* the community to find new ways to support the *overall* community.
 - Working with CHCF to develop a new standard for lab ordering interfaces, in which we provide additional coordination resources and a place for national discussions to occur
 - The VA is supporting the new blue button initiative with support from the white house for a presidential innovation fellow
 - We anticipate additional novel ways to accelerate both the standards development AND the implementation and pre-certification testing

We are on a journey together!

Learn more at:

ONC website:

www.healthit.hhs.gov/

S&I Framework wiki:

<http://wiki.siframeframework.org>

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