

Primary Palliative Care for Emergency Medicine (PRIM-ER)

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EMERGENCY ROOM



DON'T DRINK AND DRIVE
WITH YOUR WALDO!

NO SMOKING

AMBULANCE
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Research in emergency care

Window to population health

Research agenda to end disparities, & address the needs of society's most vulnerable



Background

Increasing ED visits by older adults with serious illness

Most prefer to receive care at home and to minimize life-sustaining procedures

Palliative care improves quality of life and decrease health care use

Default Approach



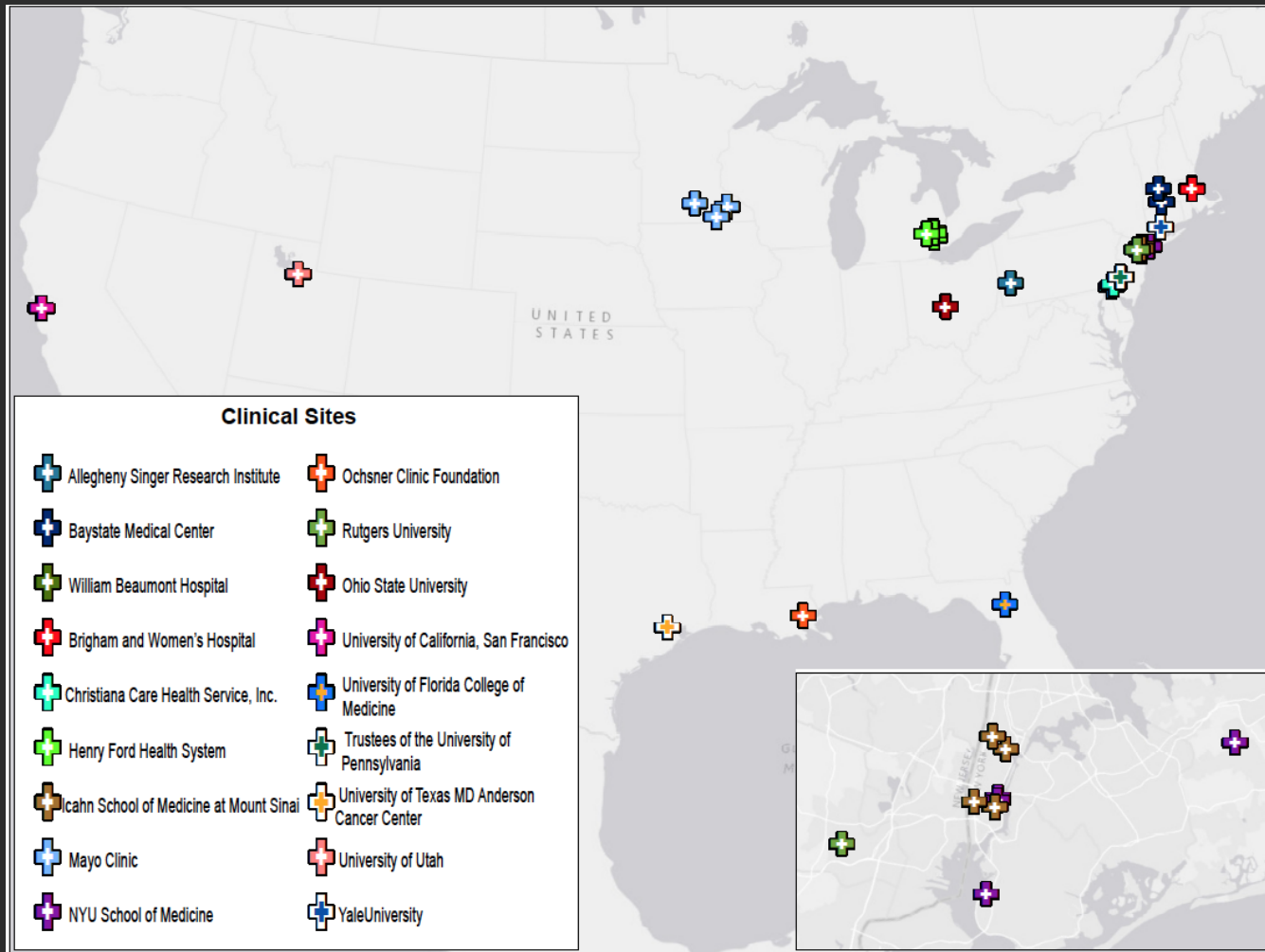
Primary palliative care skills training for emergency providers (PRIM-ER)

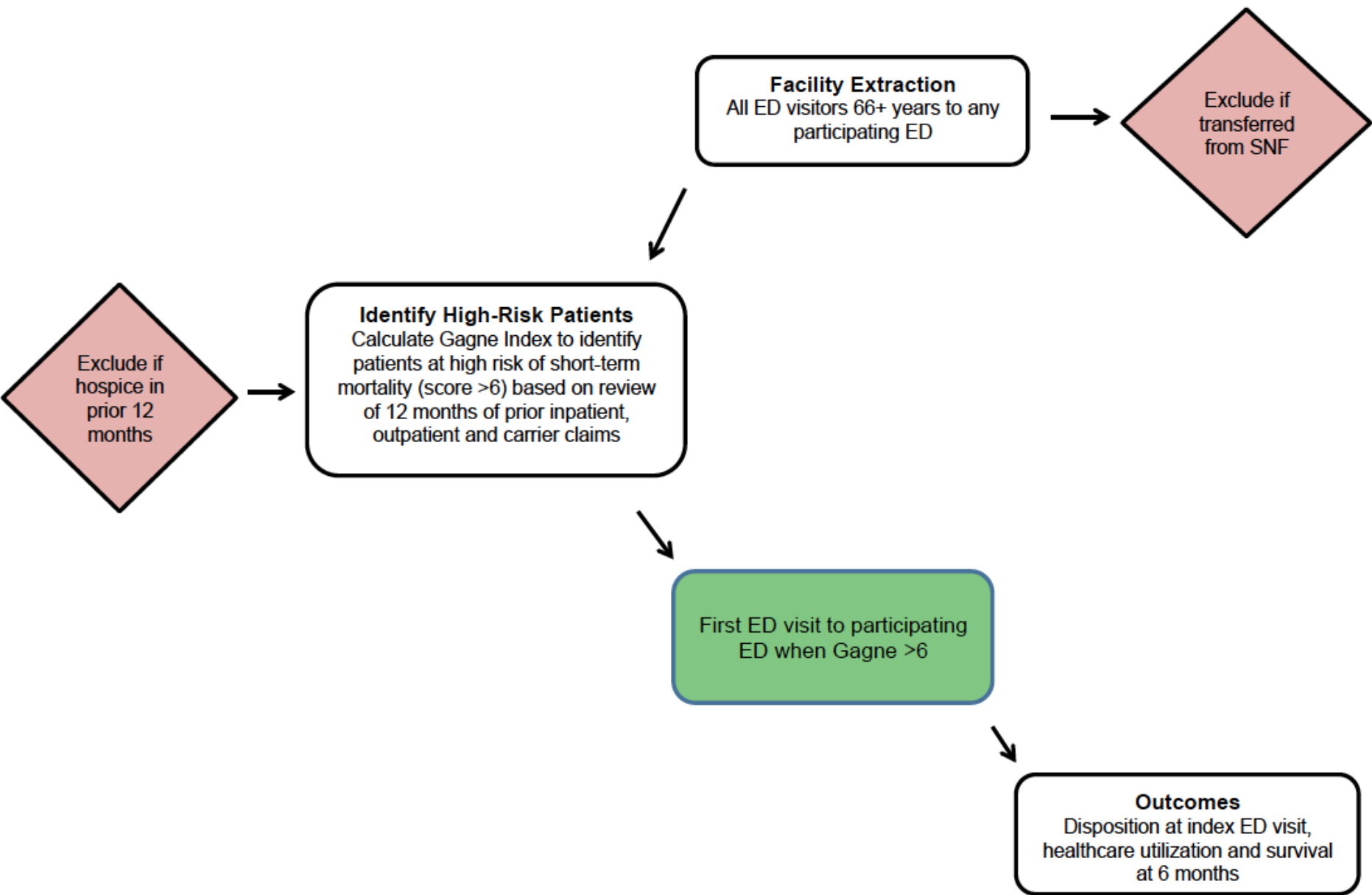
1. Evidence-based, multidisciplinary primary palliative care education (EPEC-EM, ELNEC);
2. Simulation-based workshops on communication in serious illness (EM Talk);
3. Clinical decision support; and
4. Provider audit and feedback.

Implementation Strategies

1. Identify and prepare champions
2. Training and educational materials
3. Audit and feedback
4. Incentives
5. Learning collaborative
6. Consultation
7. System & organizational changes
 - Clinical decision support
 - Referral systems and workflow

18 Health Systems





12 months prior

Index ED visit

6 months post

African proverb

If you want to go fast, go alone.

If you want to go far, go together.