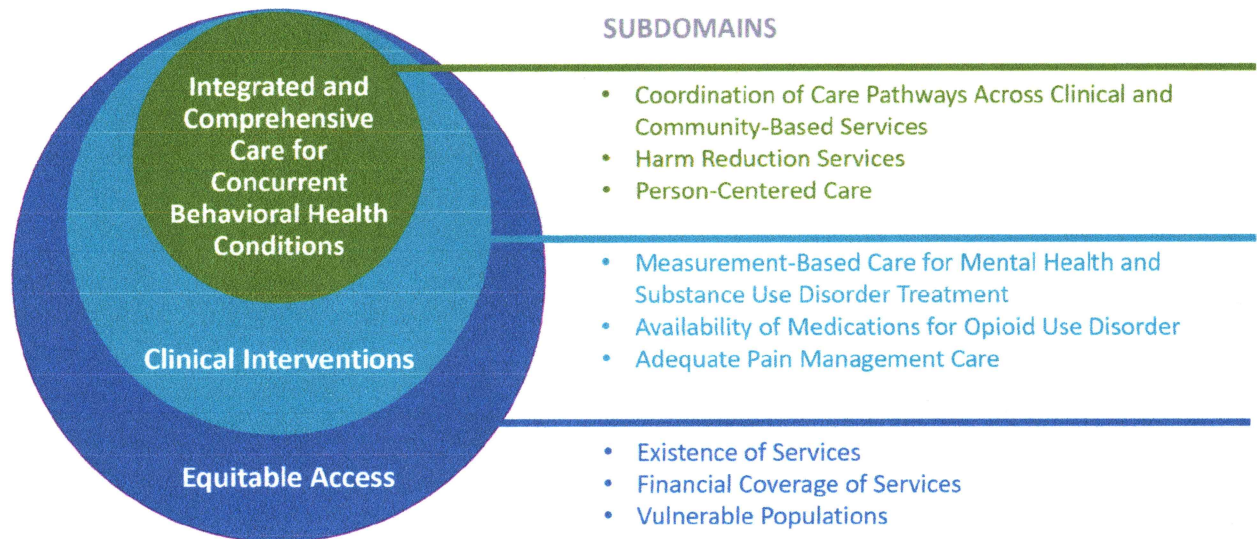


measurement framework must convey the connected relationship between the three domains to demonstrate that it is essential for stakeholders to build on a foundation of equitable access and evidence-based interventions to support integrated and comprehensive care and achieve optimal outcomes.

For each of the domains and subdomains within the measurement framework, the Committee identified multiple measure concepts. As measurement for individuals with co-occurring SUD/OD and behavioral health conditions remains an evolving area, measure concepts and approaches included within the framework range in their level of evidence, research, and science. Measure developers can use the suggested concepts to inform the development and testing of new clinical quality measures. Any measure concepts included in the framework should be fully specified, developed, and tested before full implementation. Notably, many of the measure concepts identified by the Committee are structural or process measures. Despite the growing movement towards outcome measures, the lack of existing quality measures for the population of interest makes it challenging to begin with outcome measures. While some of the subdomains naturally focus more on outcomes and patient-reported outcome measure (PROM) concepts, such as the person-centered care subdomain of the Integrated and Comprehensive Care for Concurrent Behavioral Health Conditions domain, other subdomains naturally include more process-oriented measure concepts to ensure a solid foundation of measurement is in place. A natural measurement progression begins with process measures, with the ultimate goal of evolving to a quality measurement landscape that focuses on outcomes measures, including PROMs.

Figure 1. Measurement Framework to Address Overdose and Mortality Resulting From Polysubstance Use Among Individuals With Co-occurring Behavioral Health Conditions



Equitable Access

The Committee agreed that equity and access to care are foundational components of addressing overdose and mortality resulting from polysubstance use among individuals with co-occurring behavioral health conditions. Equity is a critical area of focus, given that mortality associated with

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