

ALS Examination Redesign. In 2019, the National Registry Board of Directors approved a framework for updating and refining the ALS examinations to better serve the EMS community and to better align with testing and certification industry best and emerging practices. This is part of National Registry's *Strengthening the Core* initiative and consists of four components:

- 1. Supporting student minimum competencies by requiring physical skills competency as an *eligibility requirement* for ALS certification.
- 2. Continuing to enhance the cognitive item banks by increasing the number of items and adding additional Technology Enhanced Items (TEIs).
- 3. Creating a computer-based performance examination to measure clinical judgment and soft skills as they specifically apply to EMS.
- 4. Sunsetting the current psychomotor examination and NREMT portfolio requirements.

The National Registry has been and will continue to work on the ALS examination redesign with a planned implementation in 2023. Bringing this initiative to fruition will involve ongoing communications to the national EMS community and will capture input from various stakeholders, including a multidisciplinary, representative panel of experts that will advise the National Registry on the implementation of the new examination and related processes.