

# Health IT Standards Committee

A Public Advisory Body on Health Information Technology to the National Coordinator for Health IT



## Standards Committee

### HITSC Efficiency

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- HITSC workgroups: Current state and proposed efficiencies
- ONC questions requiring interdisciplinary advice
- Next Steps
- Discussion

- Section 3003(a)

*“There is established a committee to be known as the HIT Standards Committee to recommend to the National Coordinator standards, implementation specifications, and certification criteria for the electronic exchange and use of health information...”*

# Current Challenge

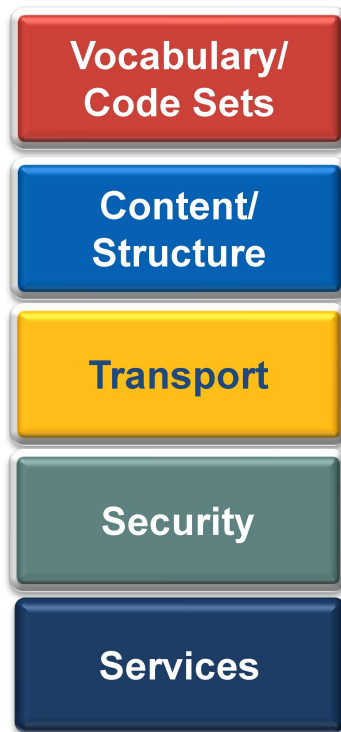
## Current HITSC

Revised workgroup structure  
initiated in August 2014

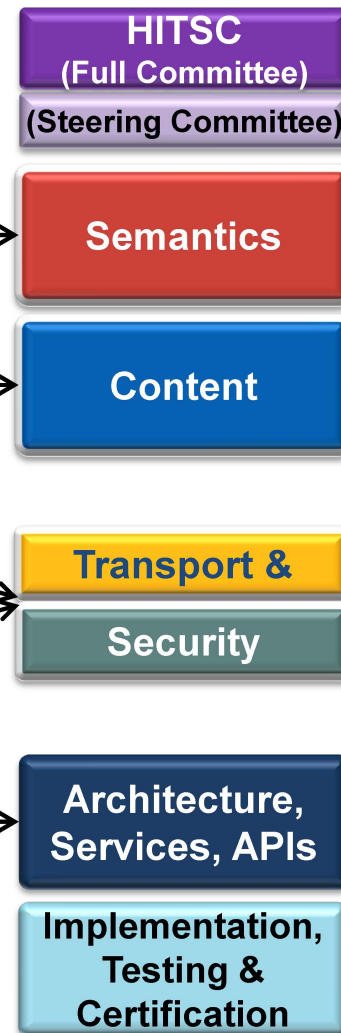
## Challenges

- Potential duplication of effort
- High degree of staff hand-off and coordination required on interdisciplinary questions

## Standards Building Block Categorization



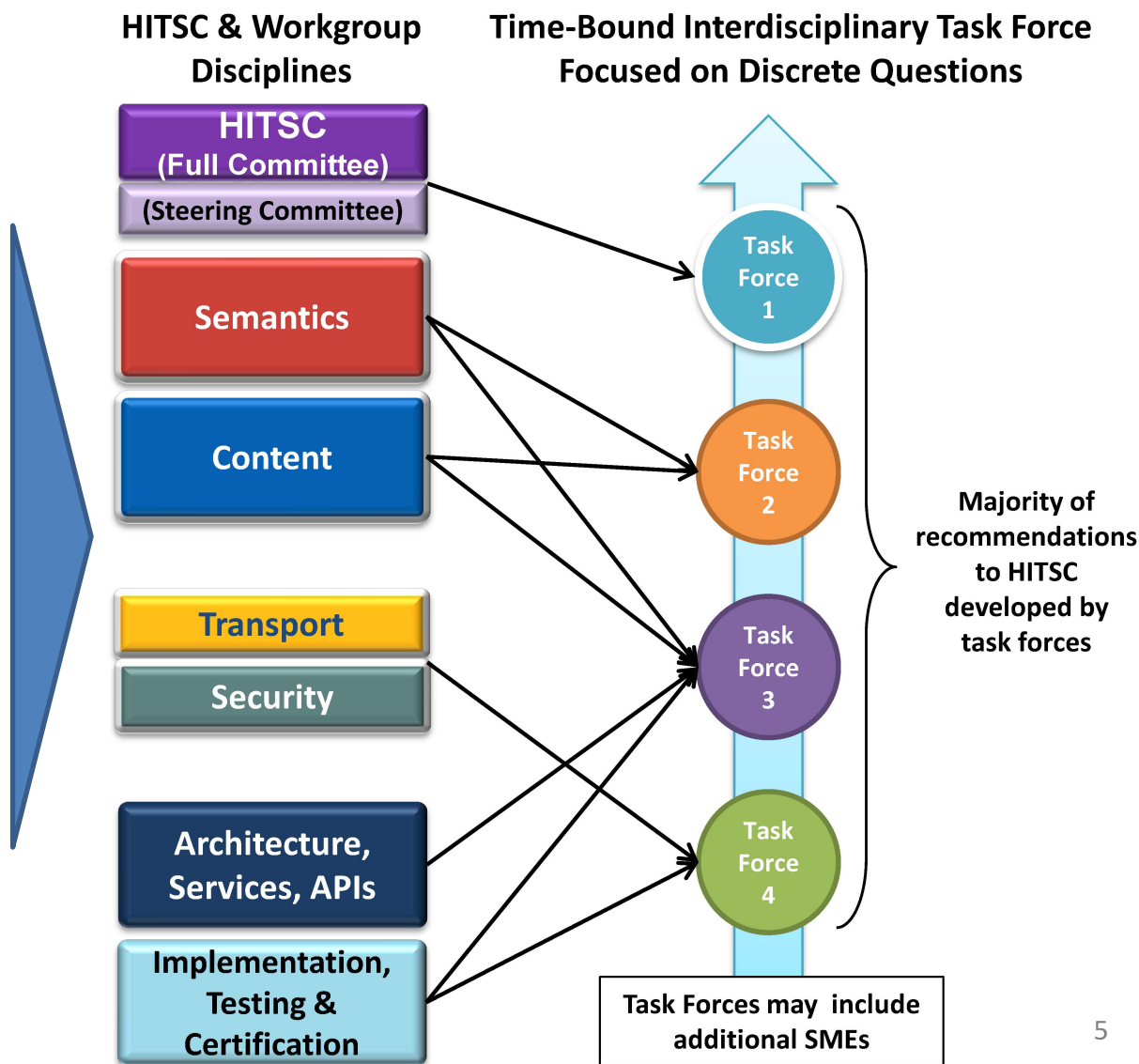
## HITSC & Workgroup Disciplines



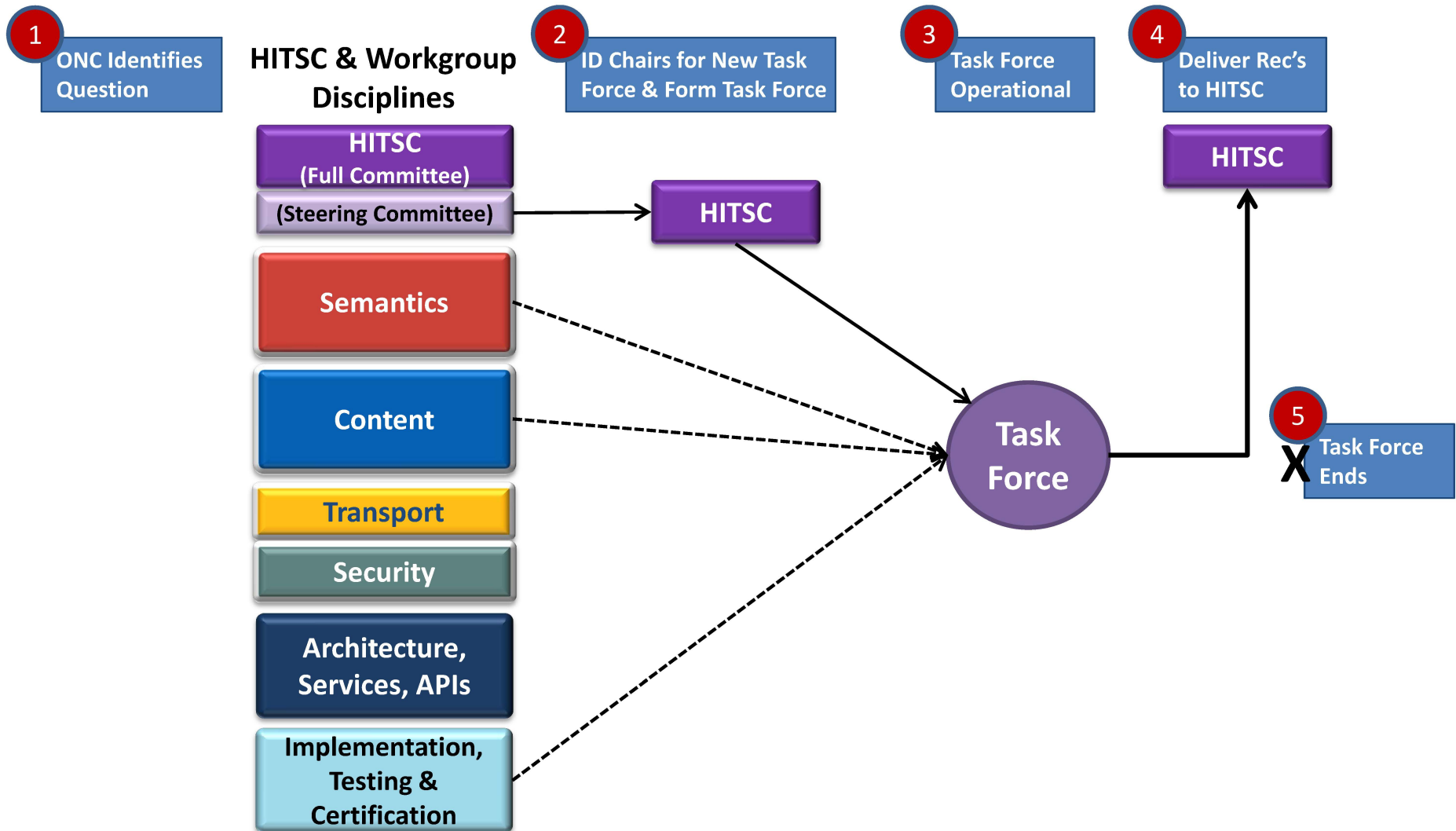
# Proposed efficiencies

- Convene multi-disciplinary task forces to address questions and make recommendations on specific issues

- Task forces will consist of a several members from workgroups whose disciplines will be applied to the question at hand



# HITSC Efficiency - Example



# Interdisciplinary Questions

Focus: standards-strategy and  
“in the field issues” on which ONC can act

1. In what ways can ONC evolve the S&I Framework to support current industry needs and those anticipated by the 3, 6, and 10-year milestones included in the interoperability roadmap?
2. In what ways can semantic interoperability be best tested under the ONC Health IT Certification Program?
3. With the 3-year interoperability roadmap goals in mind, what existing standards, if adopted nationwide, could provide cost efficiency or safety benefits, or both?
  - 3.1: In what ways or by what means should ONC measure standards use, interoperability for given purposes?

- Q1 2015
  - Current workgroups will provide feedback and recommendations through Q1 2015
    - Interoperability Roadmap
    - 2015 edition certification criteria proposed rule
  - ONC will work with the HITSC Steering Committee to prep for task forces
- Q2 2015
  - Where a workgroup has unique/single scope work it would continue on such work until it concludes
  - Task force formation where interdisciplinary input is necessary and as a general go-forward approach