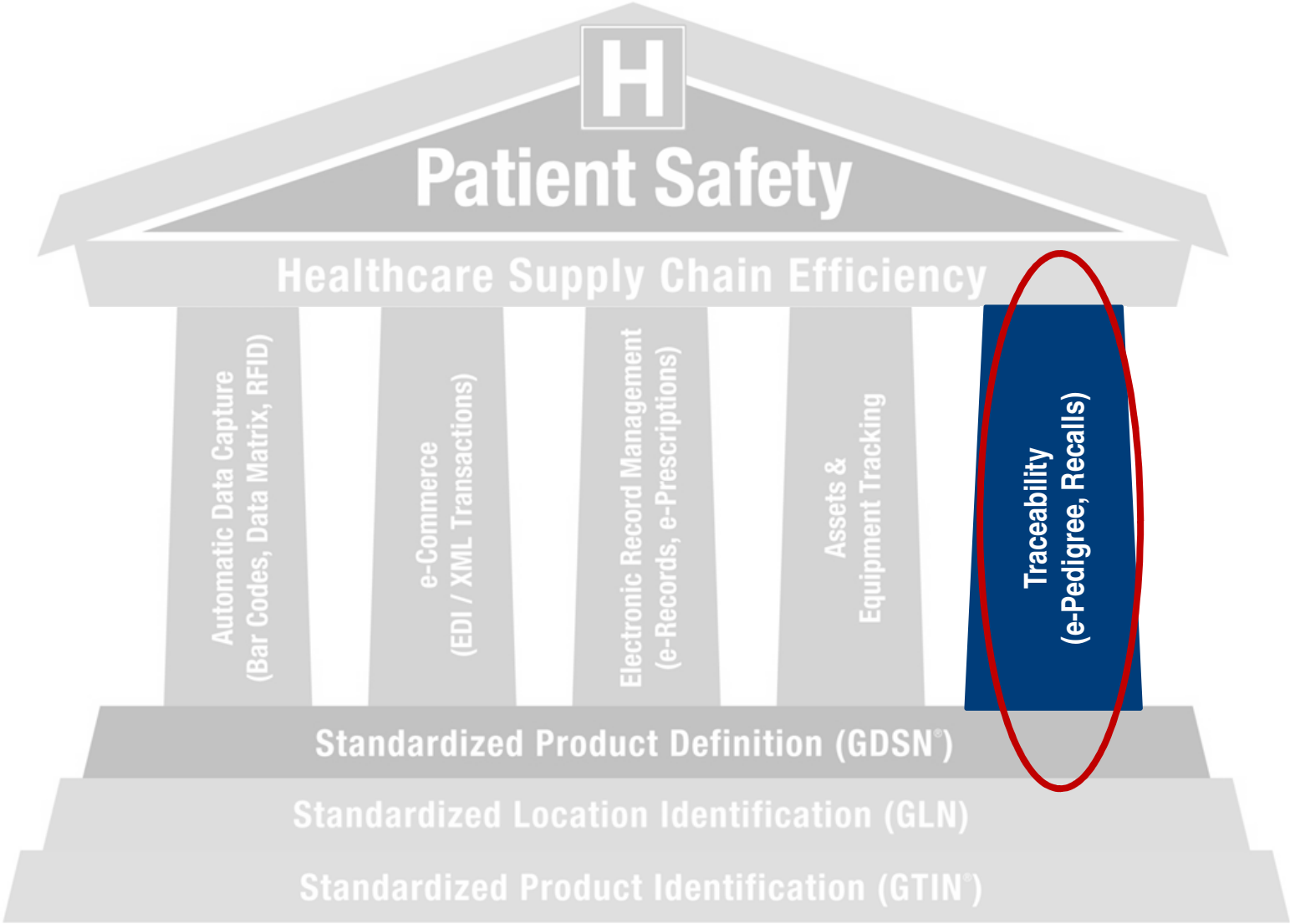


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Standardization → Interoperability

Tracking/Documenting Serialized Products & Achieving 2015 Compliance

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Supply Chain Integrity Is Critical

- ▶ International legislative and regulatory agencies have concerns about the Pharmaceutical Supply Chain's ability to effectively protect products
 - Expiration Date Handling
 - Cold Chain Management
 - Returns Processing
 - Recall Management
 - Tainted Products (Counterfeit and Mislabeled)
 - ▶ A single weak link in the supply chain means we ALL fail
 - ▶ We need to be knowledgeable about the products we buy
 - ▶ We need to have our electronic systems capture and validate the information, and provide actionable information to the staff
 - ▶ As wholesalers, our greatest priority is the security of the supply chain
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United States Federal ePedigree

- ▶ U.S. Congressmen Buyer & Matheson introduced “Safeguarding America’s Pharmaceuticals Act,” to provide a uniform federal pedigree standard
 - ▶ Key Provisions of the Bill:
 - Standard supply chain definitions across all states
 - Standard pedigree requirements
 - Standardized drug identifiers
 - High-risk drugs criteria
 - Report evaluating the feasibility and operational efficiencies of adopting security technologies
 - Preempts state laws on serialization and pedigree
 - ▶ Outcome of this legislation is uncertain due to complexity of the bill and the timing; likely to be considered in 2009 or beyond
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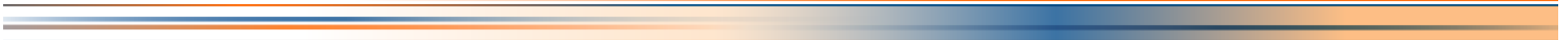
State of California ePedigree

Implementation Dates

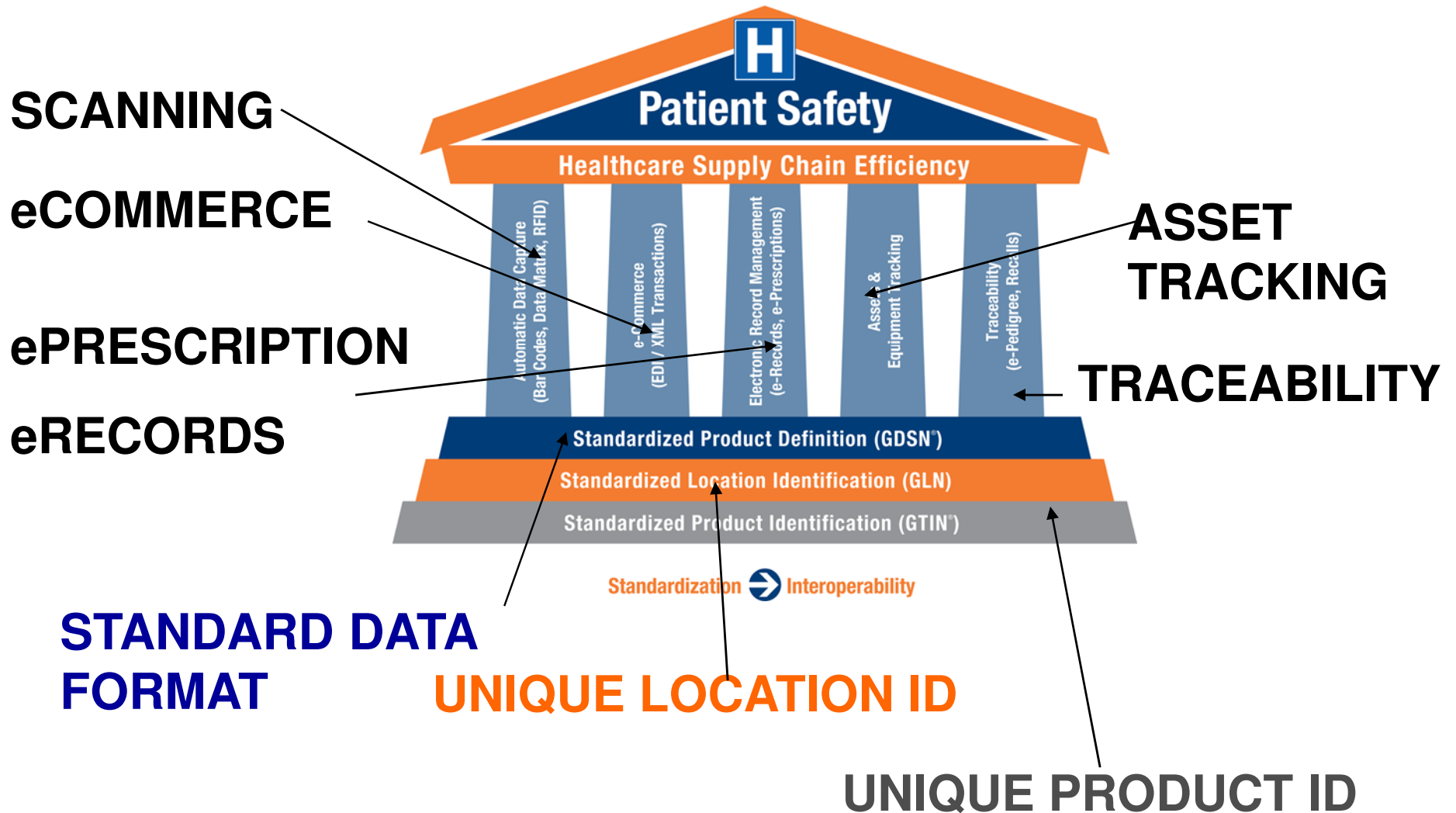
- ▶ From January 1, *2009*, to December 31, *2016*, inclusive, manufacturers, wholesalers, re-packagers and pharmacies shall initiate steps to accept and pass electronic pedigrees for all dangerous drugs, subject to the requirements
 - ▶ All Manufacturers (branded and generic) must serialize 50% of their dangerous drugs by 2015, and the balance by 2016
 - ▶ After July 1, 2016, wholesalers and re-packagers may not **sell, trade, transfer** or **receive** a dangerous drug without receiving and providing a pedigree
 - ▶ After July 1, 2017, retailers may not **sell, trade** or **transfer** a dangerous drug at wholesale without providing a pedigree and may not **receive** a dangerous drug without a pedigree
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Progress on Serialization / Pedigree

- ▶ GS1 and EPCglobal developing the standard for serialization and pedigree
- ▶ FDA Amendments Act requires FDA to publish a serialization standard by March, 2010
- ▶ A small number of manufacturers in the US have moved forward with Serialization / Pedigree projects



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The Wholesaler's Role

- ▶ Gather the required data on the inbound shipment from the manufacturer
 - The critical new data element that we have not had before is a unique serial number at the lowest unit of sale.

 - ▶ Verifying the electronic information received from the manufacturer against the physical product.
 - A new process of quarantining mismatching product is yet to be developed.
 - What are the ramifications to availability of drugs if 100% accuracy is not achieved?

 - ▶ Picking units of products for the providers and retailers by serial number and commission a tote which connects the serialized units inside the tote with a serial number on the tote to enable quick check at the pharmacy.
 - What are the ramifications at the pharmacy site if this process has errors that need to be resolved before the product can be dispensed?
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