

# **Toward a standard model of feedback report and dashboard content**

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# Disclosure

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# Takeaways

- “Performance summary content” is an important term to define for our community
- Key types of performance summary content
  - Performance gaps and trends
  - Measures (i.e. indicators)
  - Time intervals

# Outline

1. Introduction
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3. A proposed model of feedback content
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# Research focus

- Can software tailor feedback messages for situations that matter?
- We encountered confusion when describing the content of a display

# the problem

A&F terms are not  
well-defined

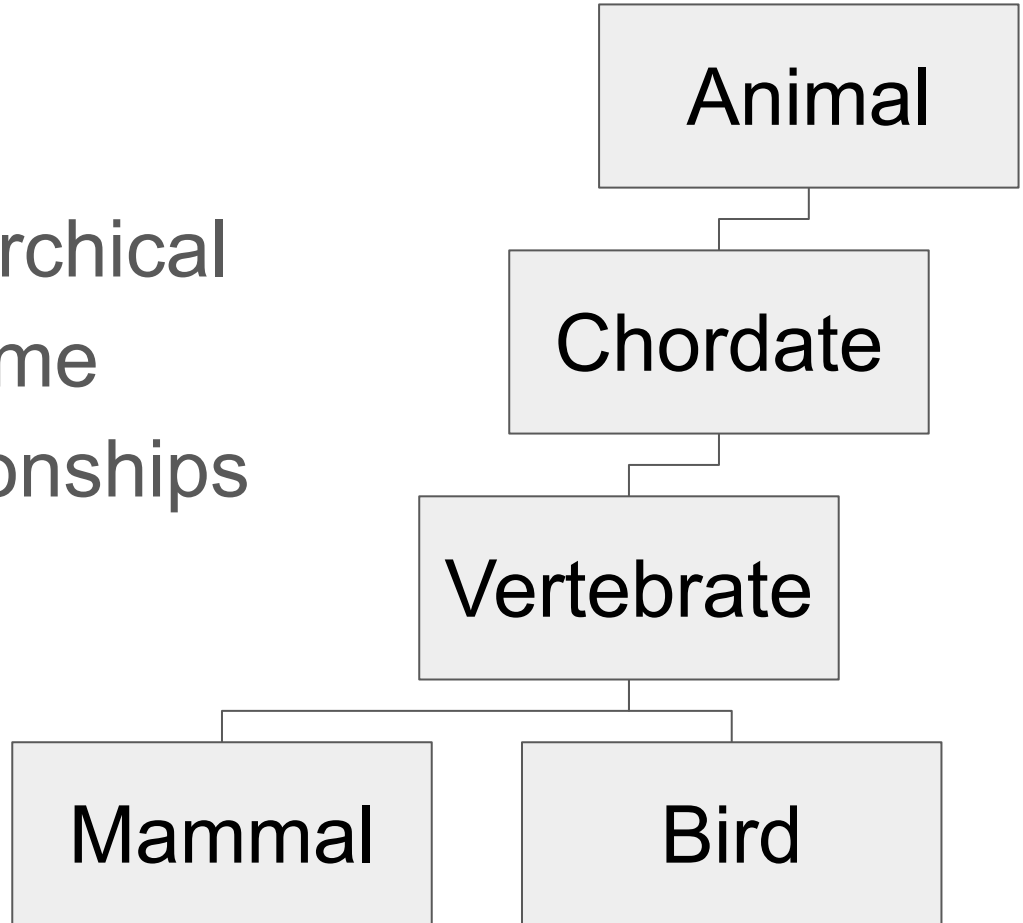
- feedback
- performance summary
- comparator

# Why defining content matters

- To understand mechanisms, we must differentiate content and form
- Good visualizations leverage relationships between content and form elements

# Using taxonomy

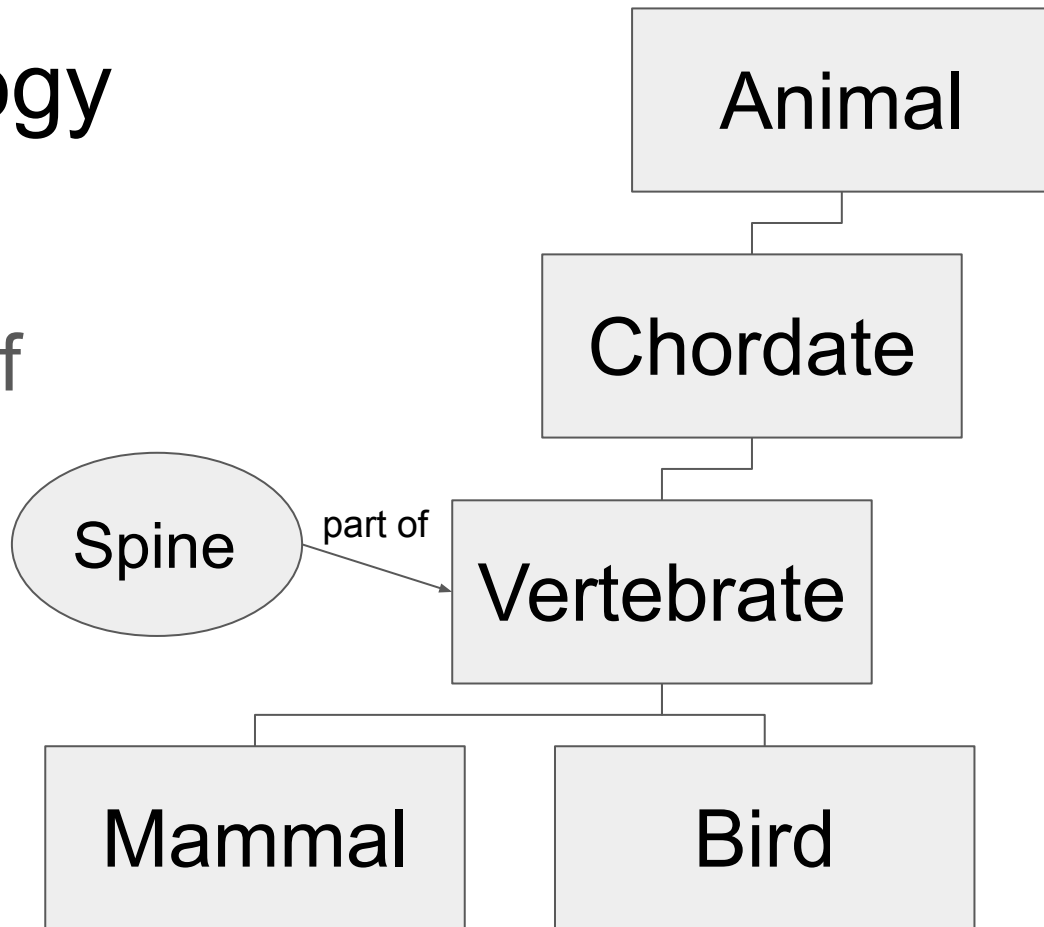
- Taxonomy: a hierarchical classification scheme
- “is a kind of” relationships
- E.g. Linnaean taxonomy





# Toward an ontology

- taxonomy with additional types of relationships
- e.g. “part of”



# Value of ontologies

- Describing our data
- Scientific communication and learning

# Ontology development goals

- Use our existing language and theory-based terms
- Write definitions with necessary and sufficient characteristics
- Use a standard (Basic Formal Ontology)

# Assumptions about ontologies

- A work-in-progress that evolves
- Preferred terms, not correct/incorrect terms
- Challenging and time-consuming to develop
- Systematic, open science approach is optimal

# Benefits of taxonomy and ontology

- Better classification of research findings
- Better consensus on knowledge, language
- Better learning for new researchers
- Better development of software for A&F
  - Dashboards
  - Reporting tools

# Scope: Performance summary content

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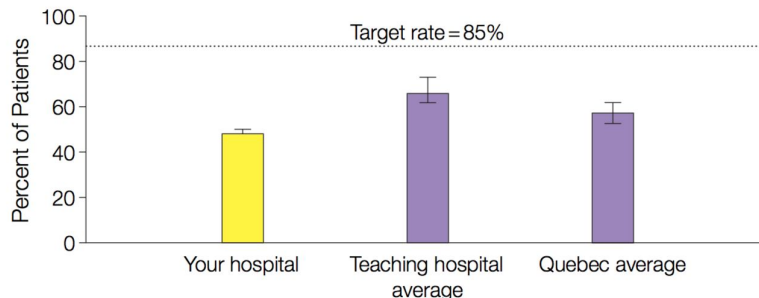
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# Scope

- Feedback reports and dashboards have many types of content
  - e.g. Patient lists, recommended actions
- Scope for this talk:  
Key information in a performance summary

# Feedback content vs form

- Content
  - What we say
  - e.g. Feedback information, signal
- Form
  - How we say it
  - e.g. Feedback delivery, visual display



# Feedback content vs form

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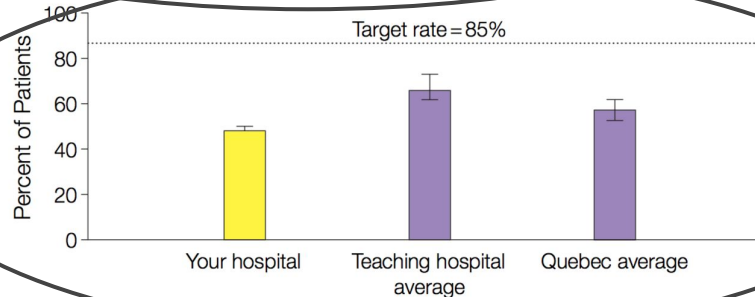
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# What is feedback content? (1 of 4)

- [ICEBeRG 2006](#)
  - Comparative or not, anonymous or not?
- [Hyson et al 2009](#) and [2016](#) (FIT)
  - Sign (positive/negative)
  - Correct / incorrect
  - Correct solution
  - Attainment level
  - Velocity
  - Goal-setting type
  - Normative information
  - Norms
  - Discouraging
  - Praise

# What is feedback content? (2 of 4)

- [Ivers et al 2012](#)

- Summary of performance, recommended actions

- [Colquhoun et al 2016](#)

- Processes of care
- Patient outcomes
- Individual/group performance
- Individual/aggregate patient cases
- Identification of behavior
- Graph presented
- Type of comparison
  - Others' performance
  - Guideline
  - Own/Others' previous performance

# What is feedback content? (3 of 4)

Brown et al 2016: Interface components

- Performance summaries
- Patient lists
- Patient data
- Recommended actions

# What is feedback content? (4 of 4)

Brown et al 2019: CP-FIT

Gude et al 2019:

## Feedback display variables

- Performance level
- Patient lists
- Specificity
- Timeliness
- Trend
- Benchmarking
- Prioritisation
- Usability

## Comparators

- Benchmarks
- Explicit targets
- Trends

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# Objective

To propose a standard model of performance summary content for the purposes of:

- Description: Organizing data and information about A&F interventions
- Learning: A&F research communication

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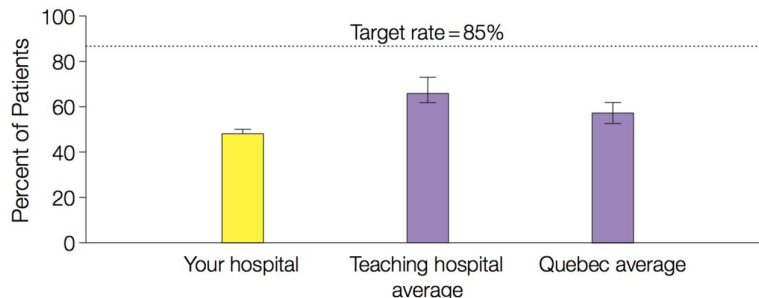
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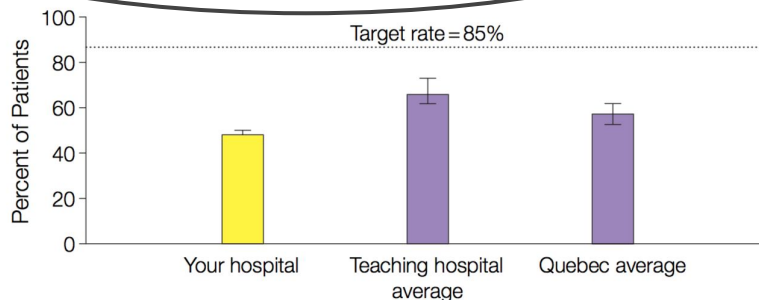
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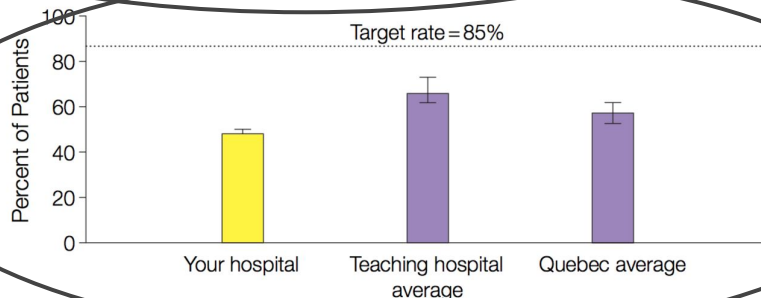
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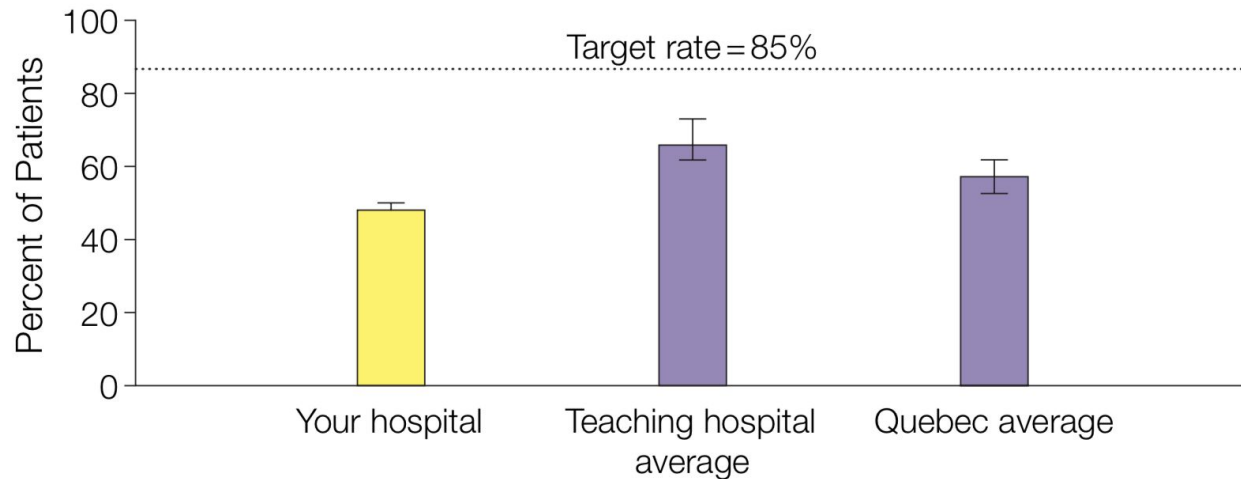
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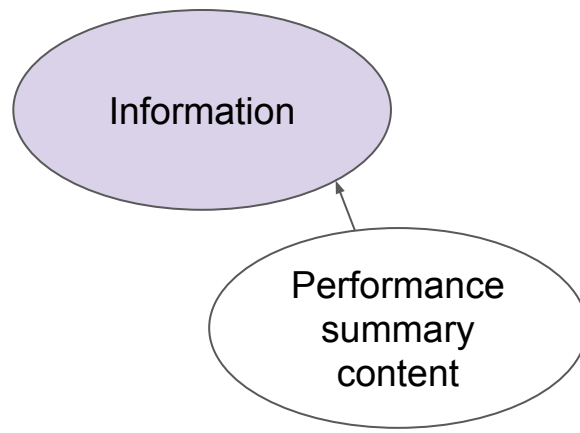
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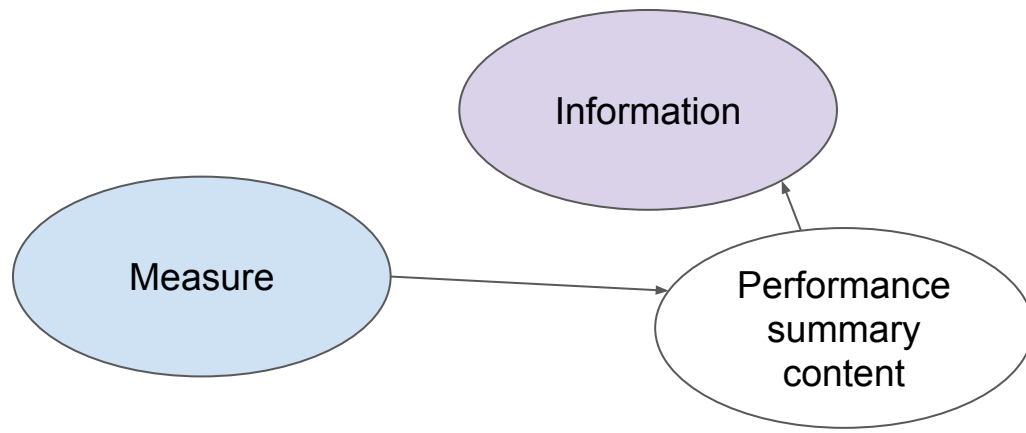
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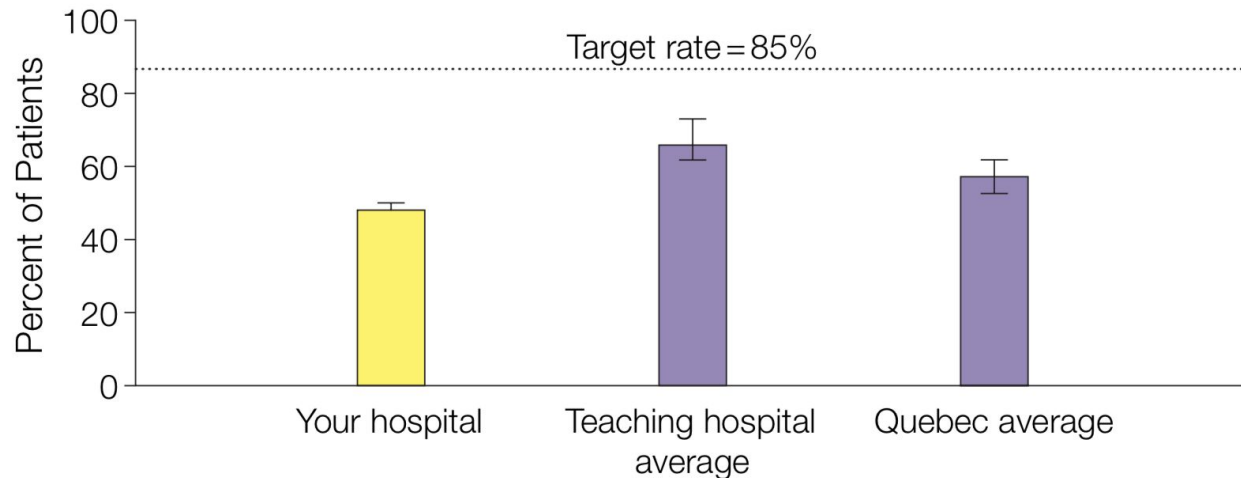




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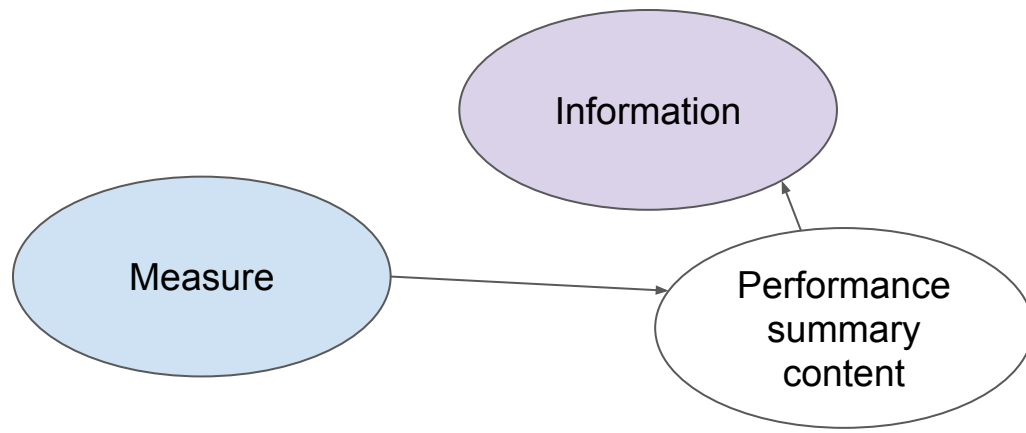
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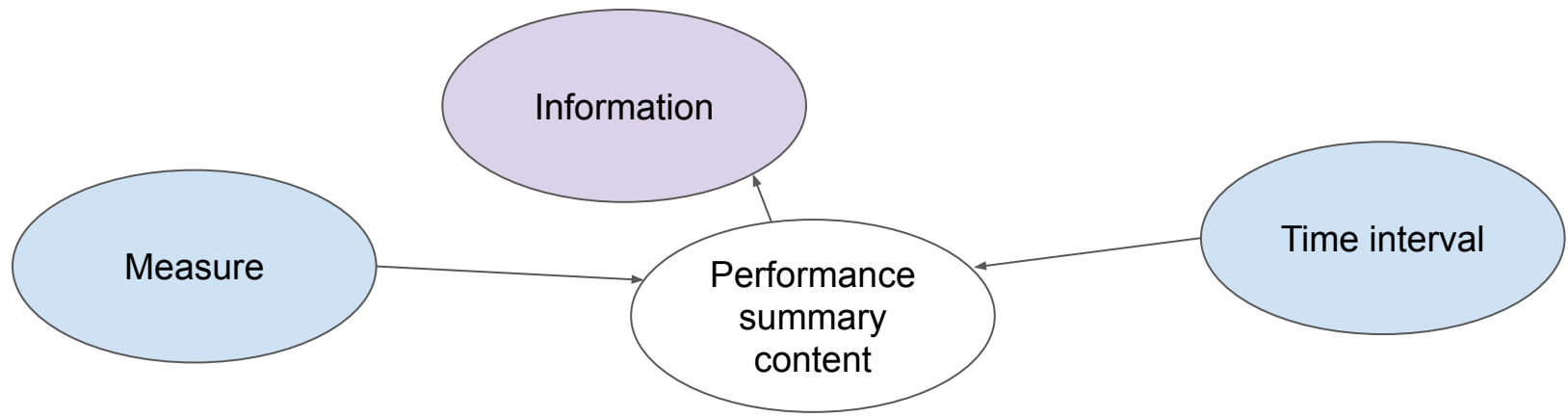




# Performance measure

- Information about a method of measuring clinical practice referring to the structures, processes, or outcomes of care  
(modified from [Campbell et al 2003](#))
- i.e. indicators, metrics





# Time interval

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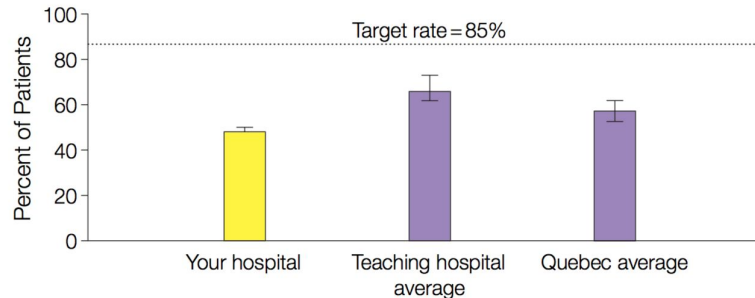
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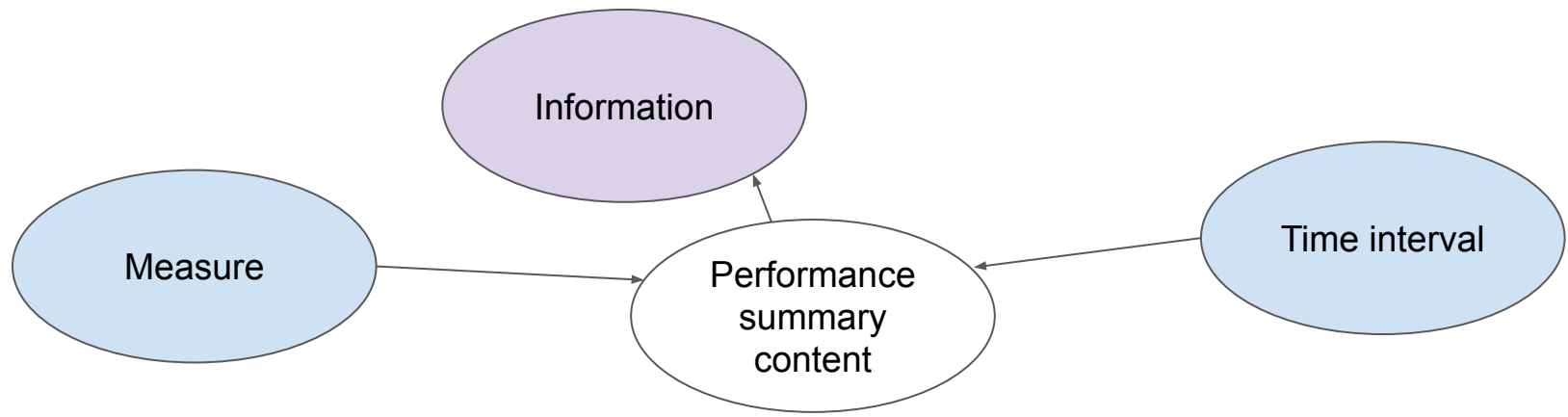
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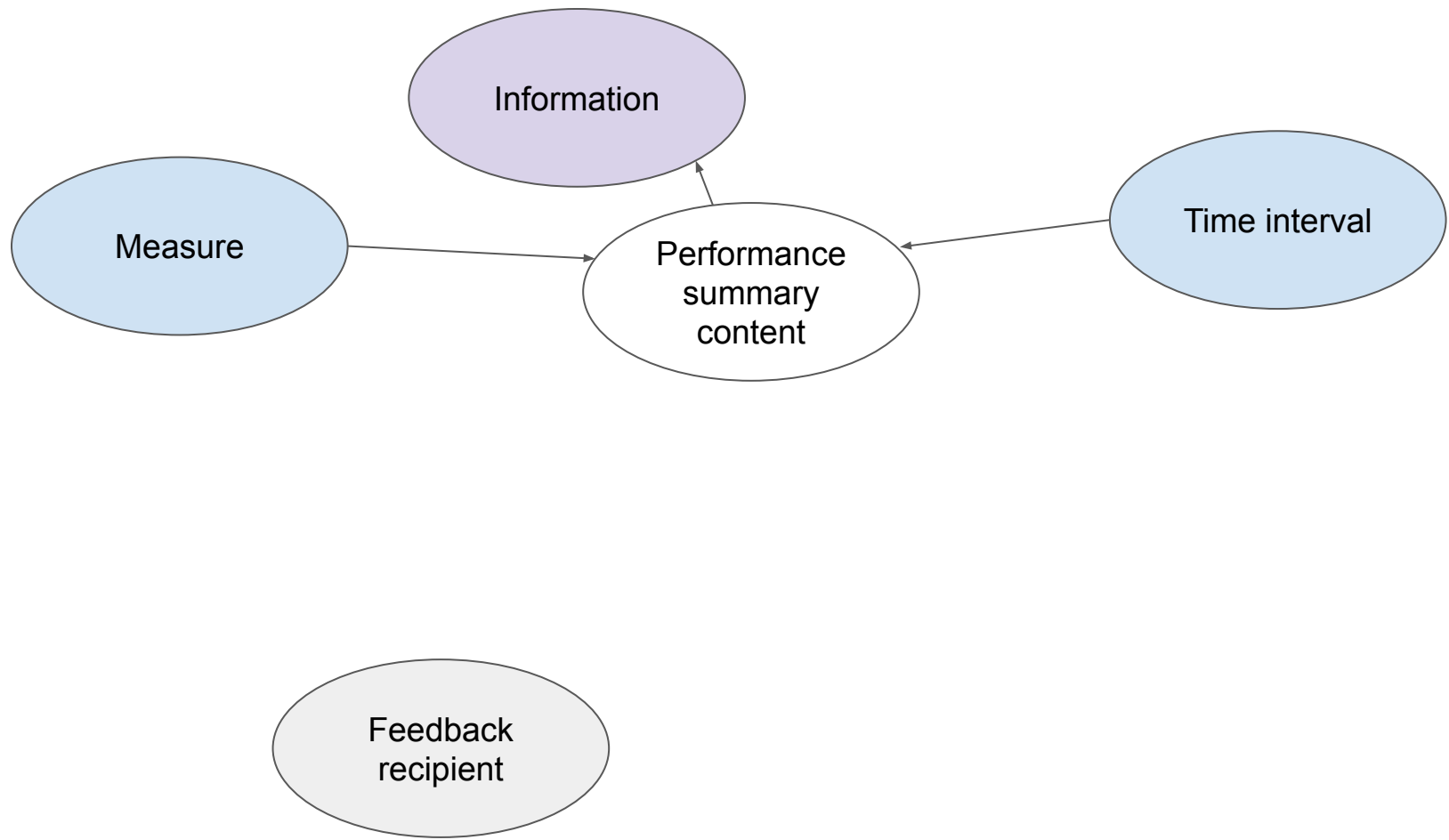
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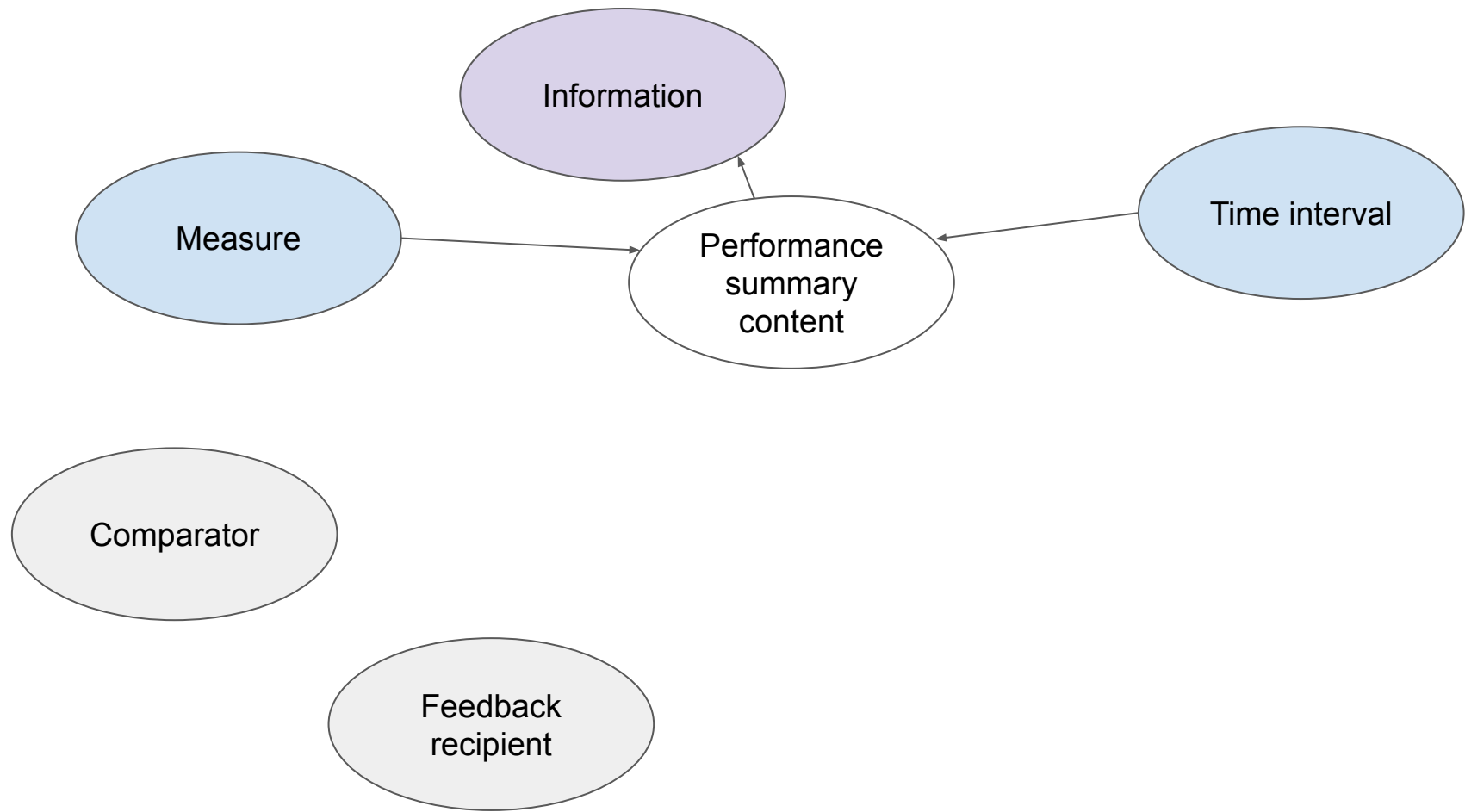
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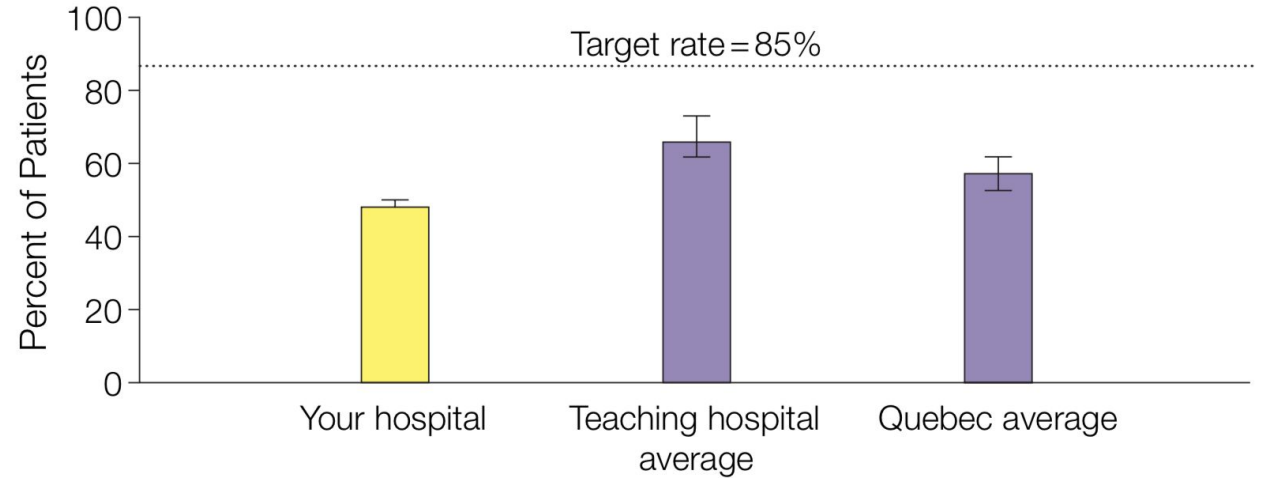






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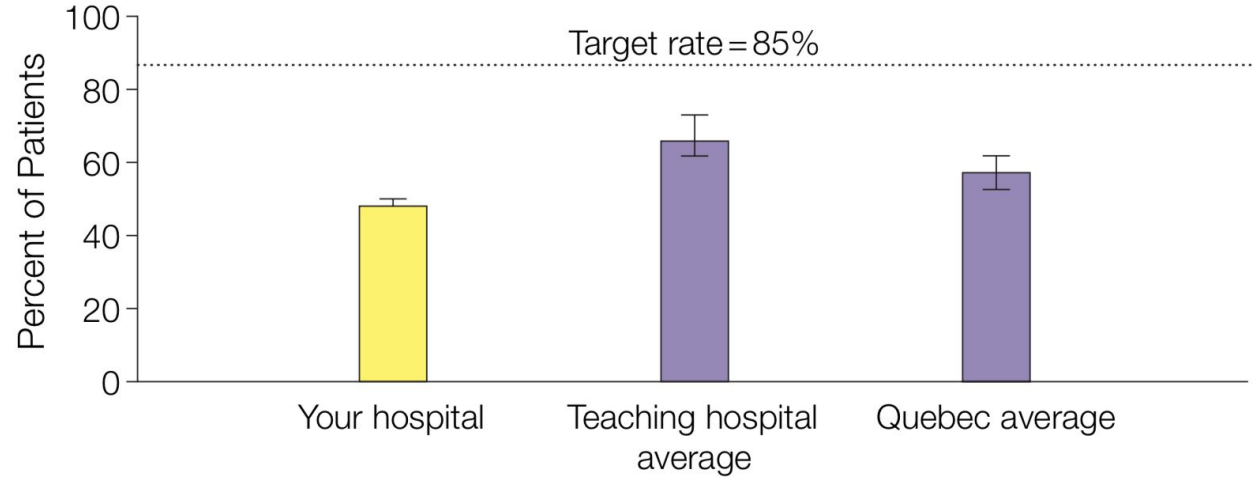
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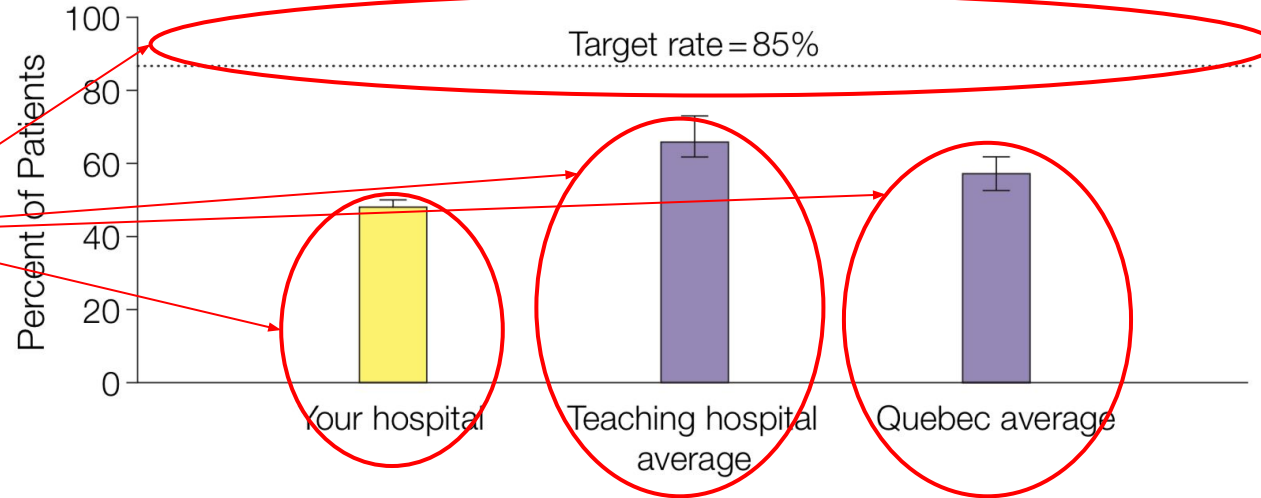
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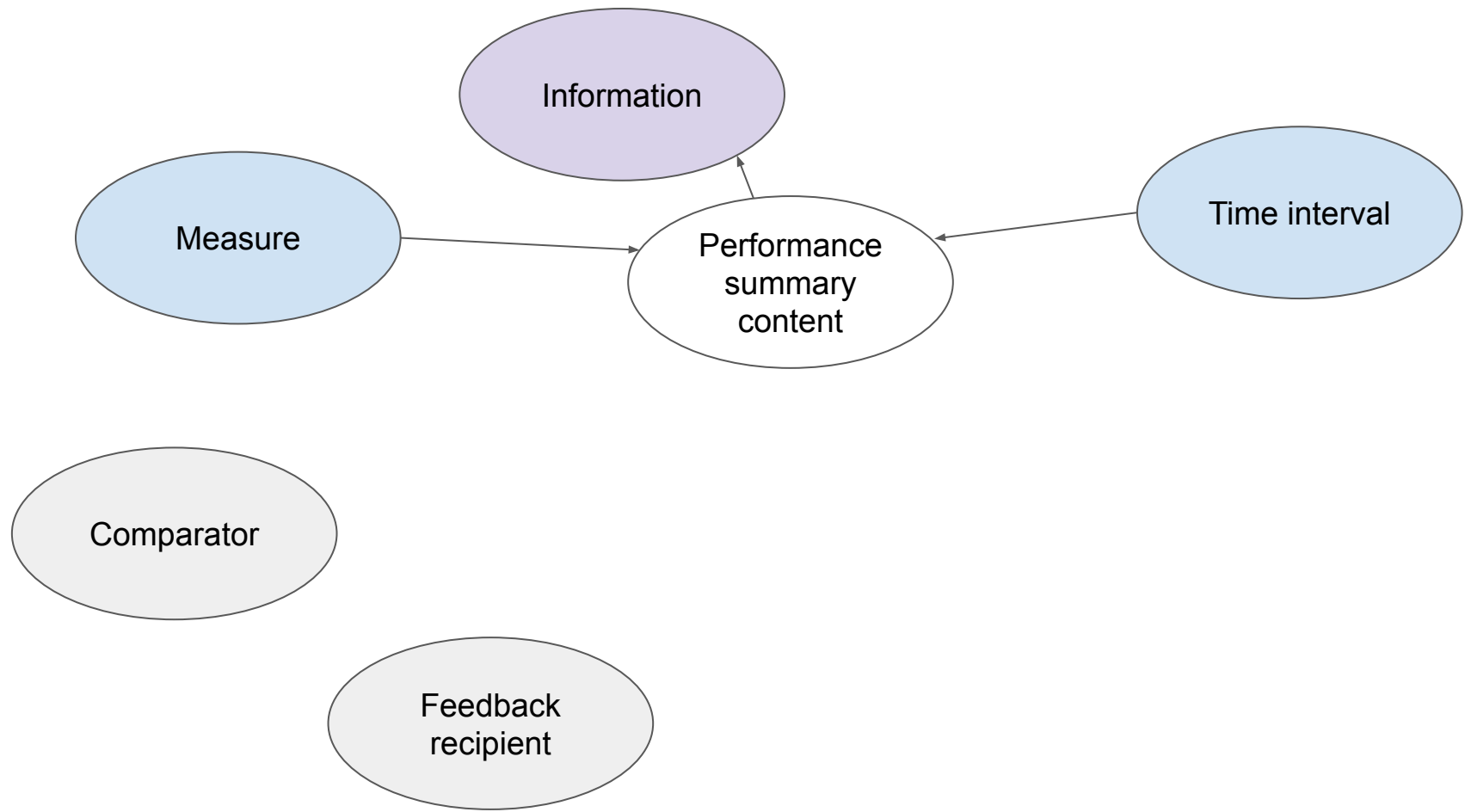
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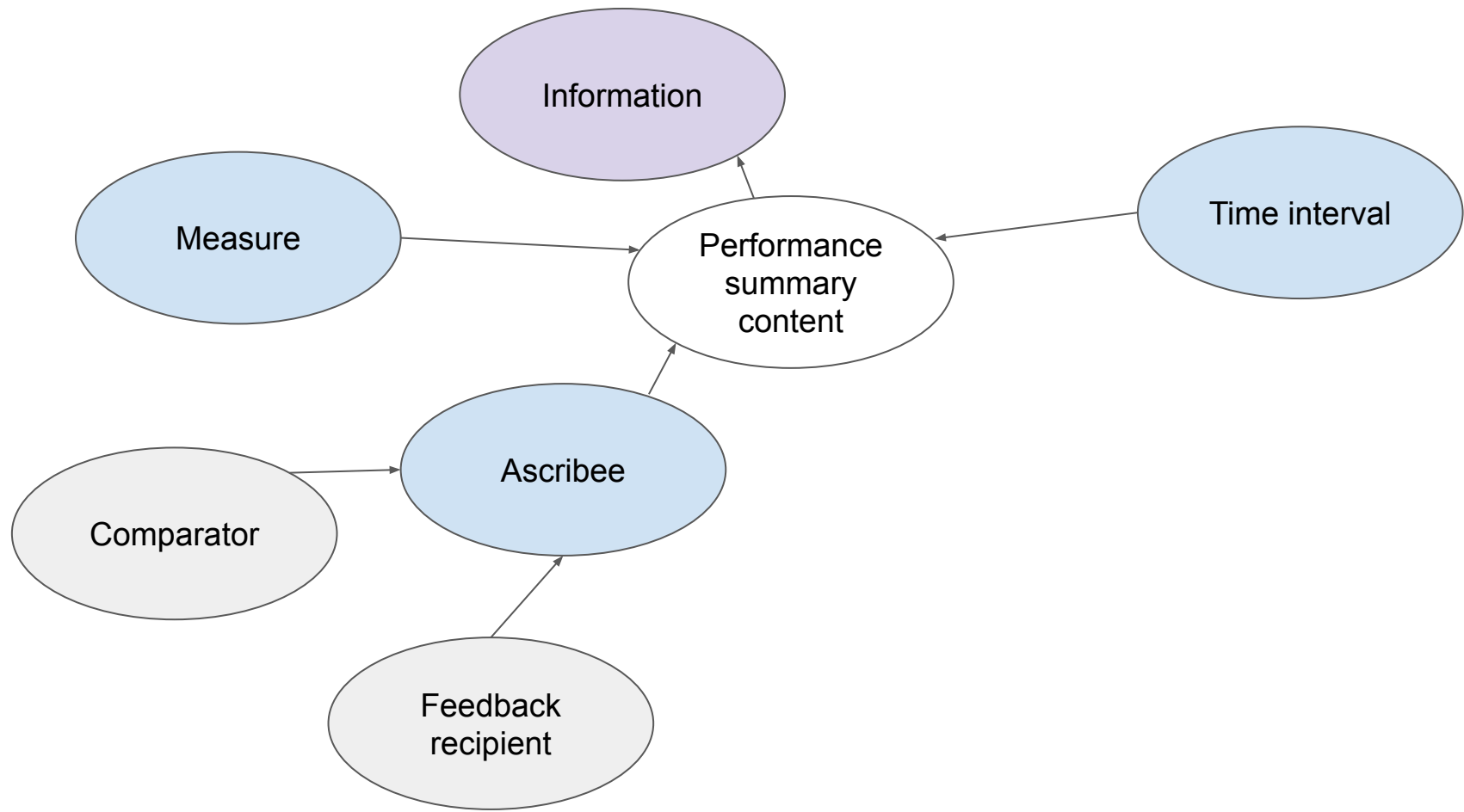
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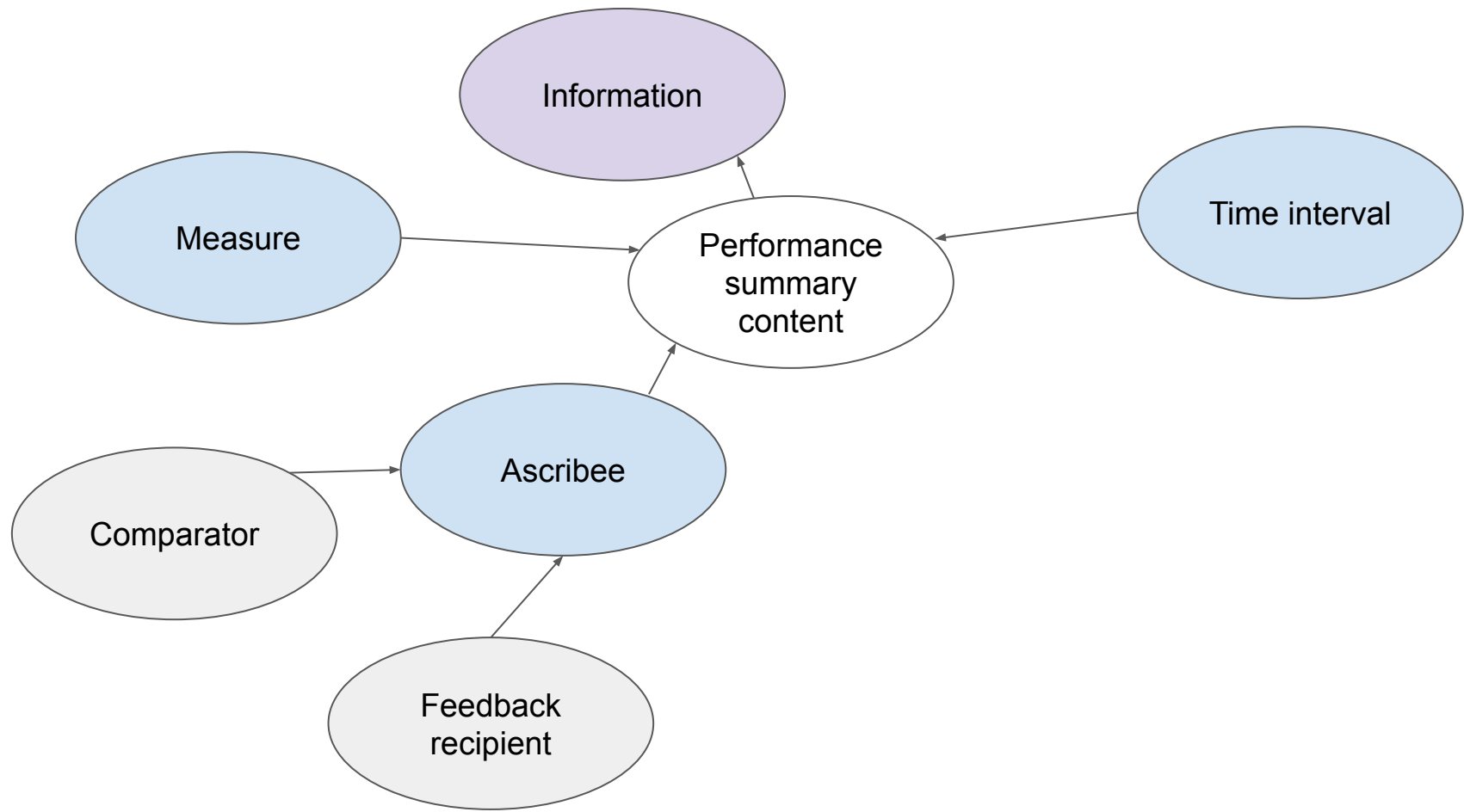
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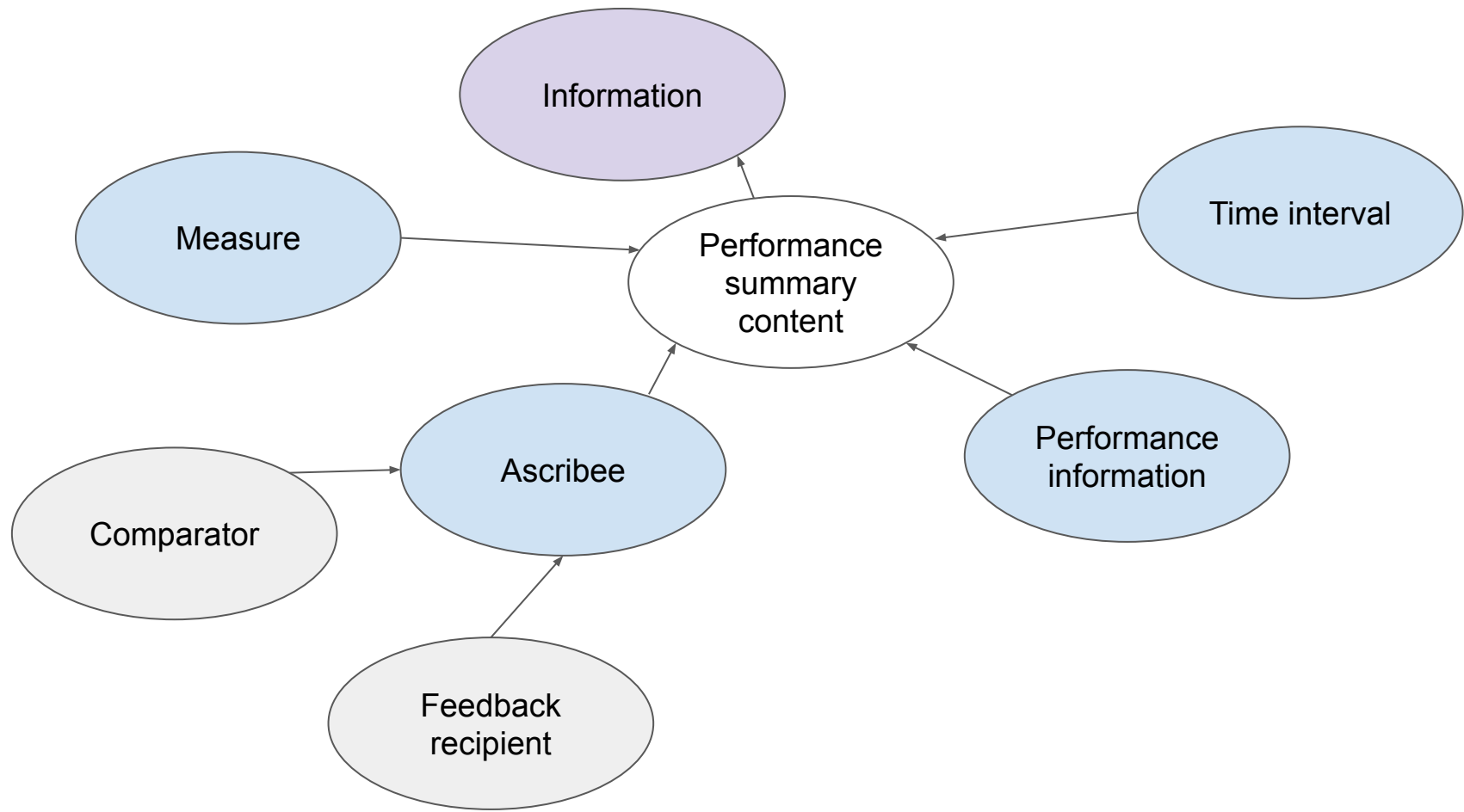


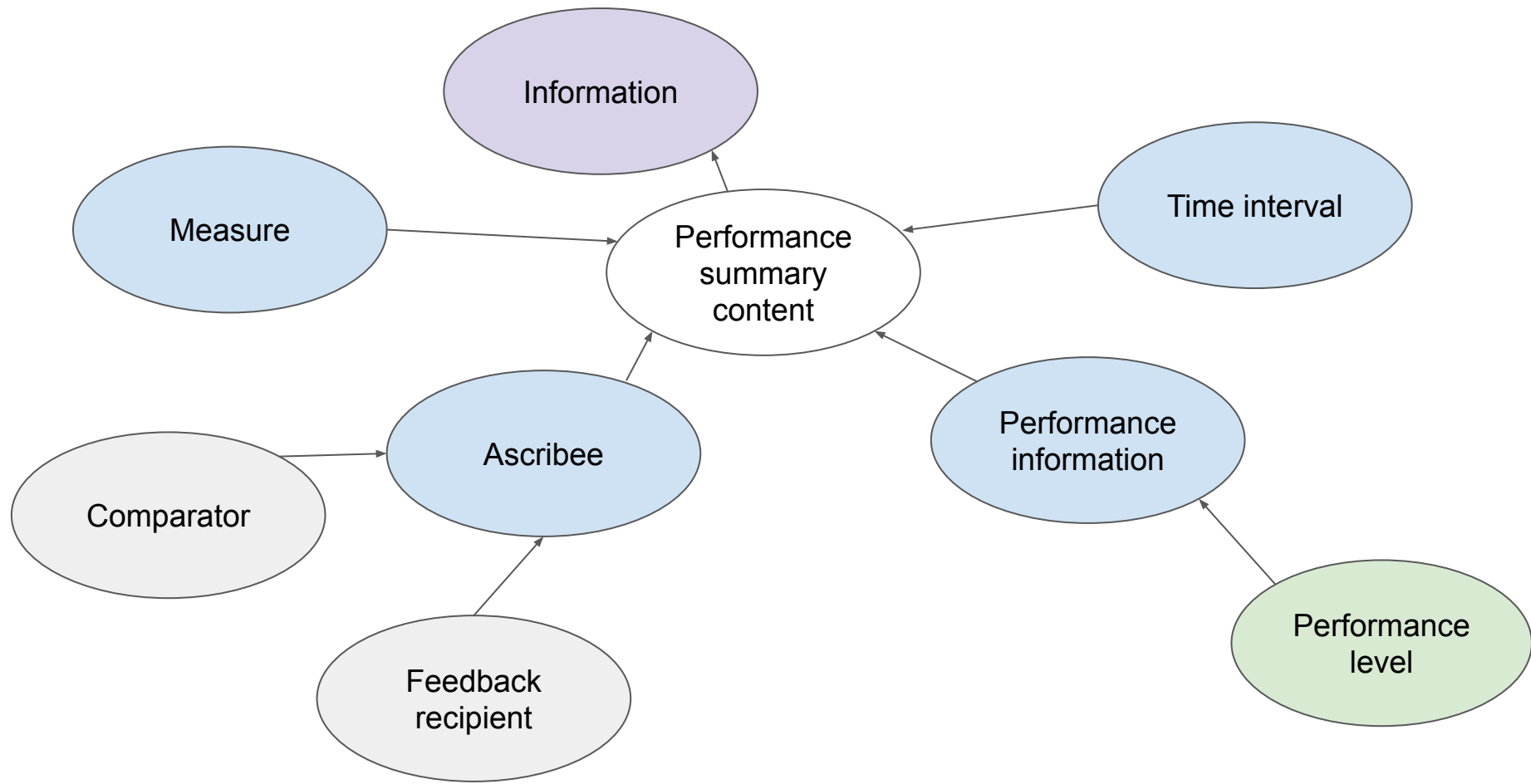


# Ascribee

- Information about an entity that has an attributed performance
- i.e. feedback recipient, comparator









# Performance levels

Data about  
events, scores,  
percentages

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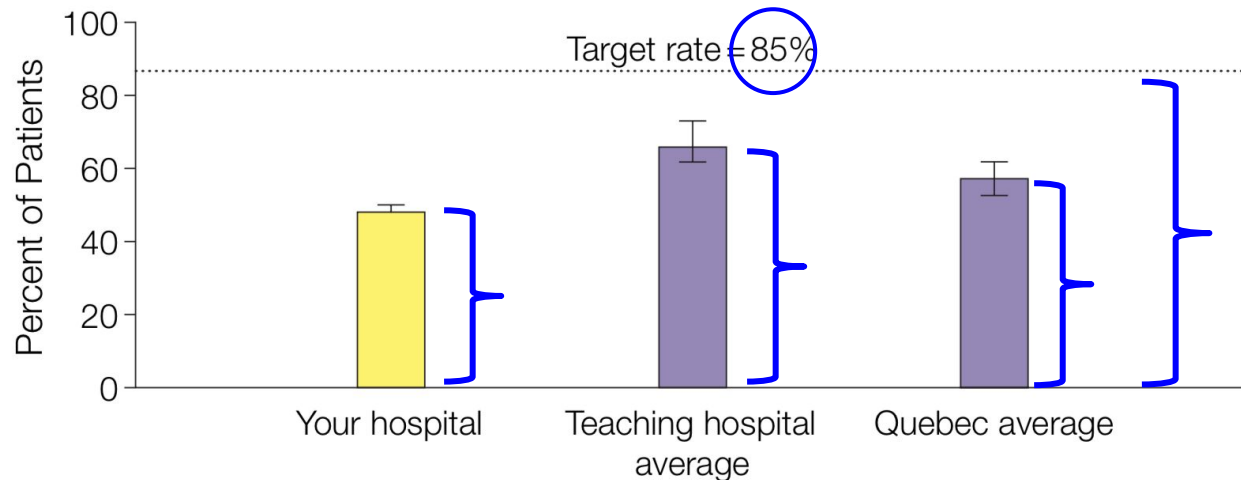
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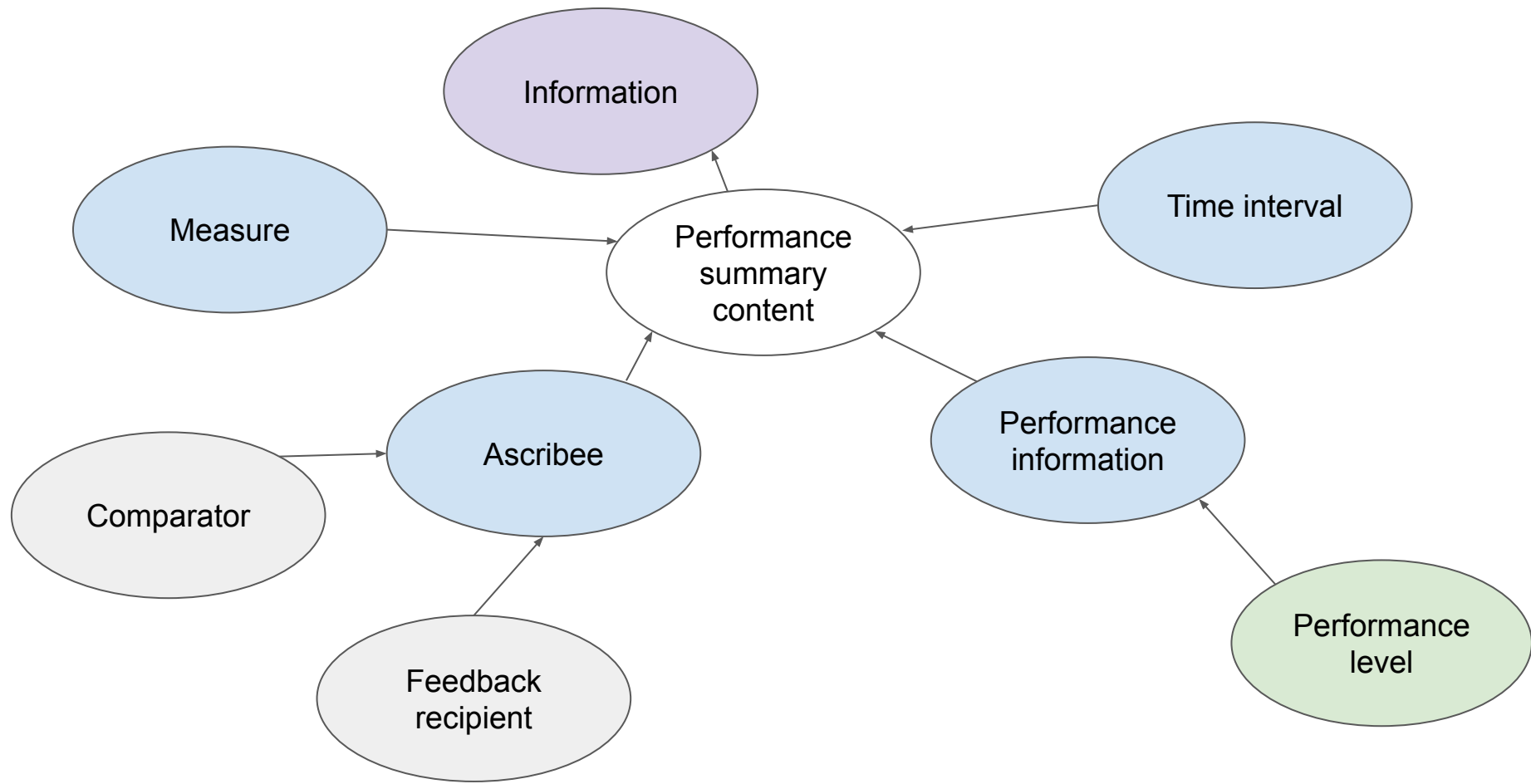
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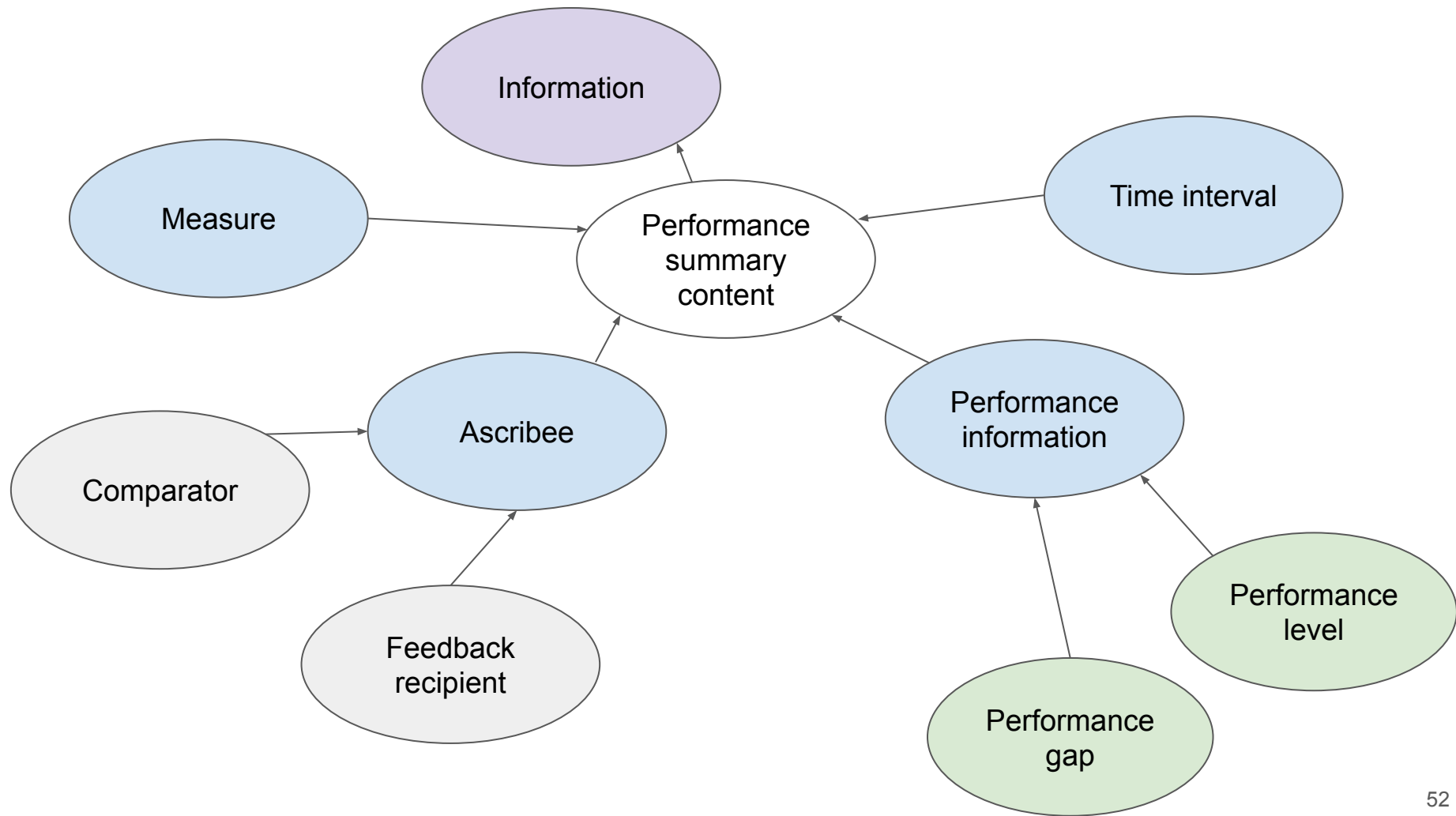
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# Performance level

- Information about clinical practice that was accomplished
- i.e. performance score, data, or information
- e.g. 81%, High, 23/42



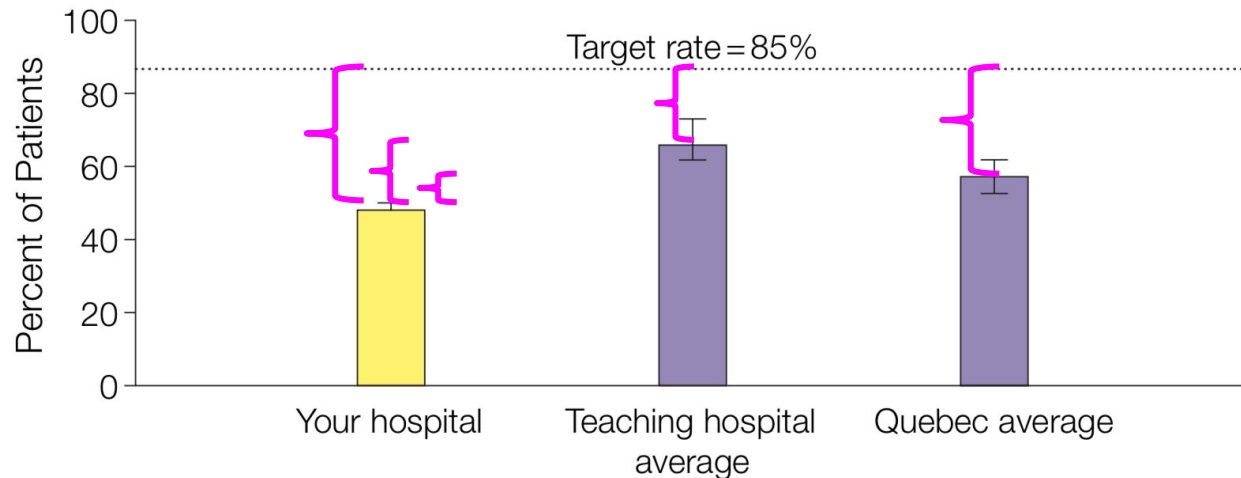


# Performance gaps

Distances  
between  
performance  
levels

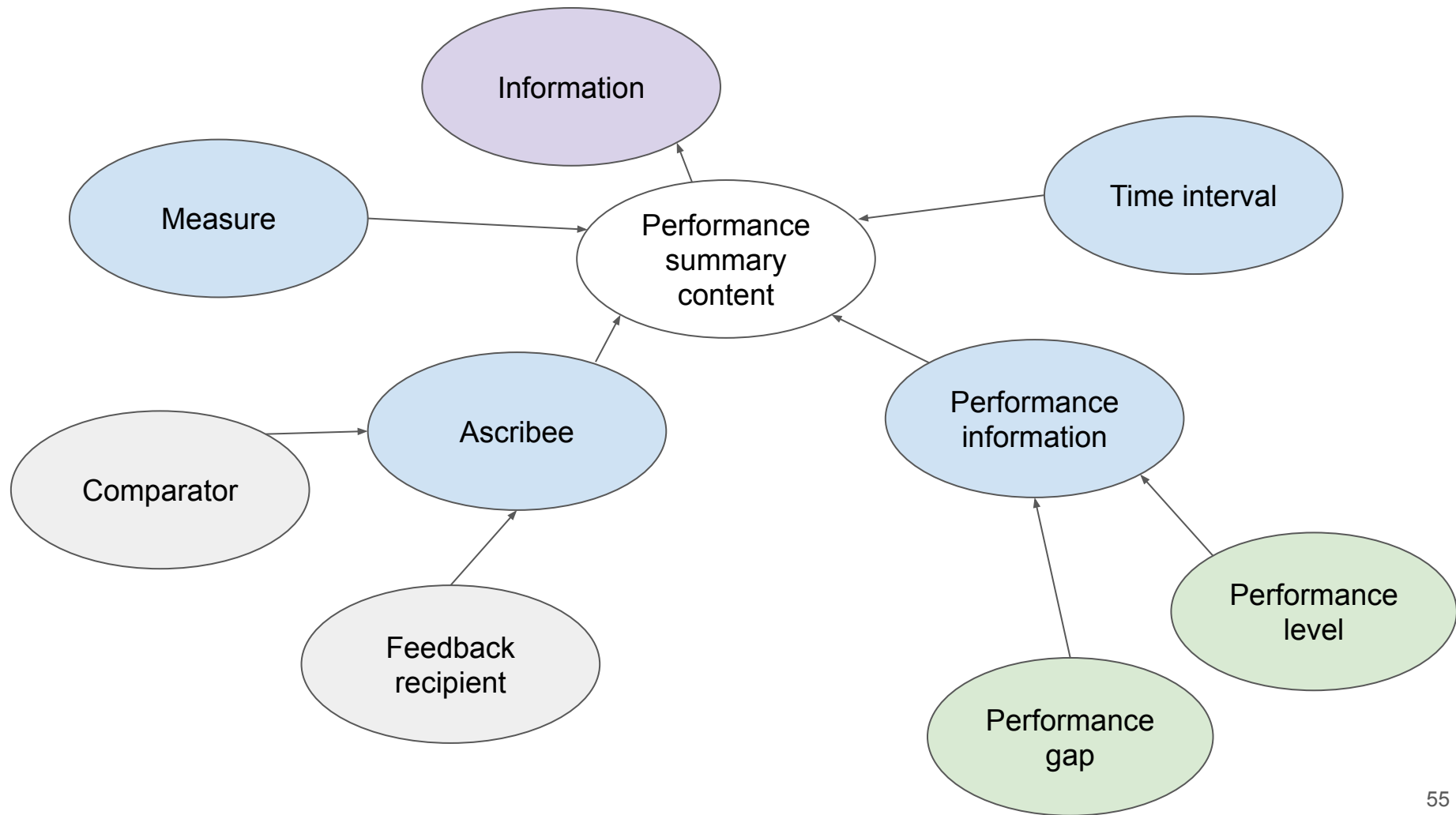
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# Performance gap

- Information about a distance between performance levels of a feedback recipient and a comparator
- i.e. performance discrepancy
- e.g. below average, top performer



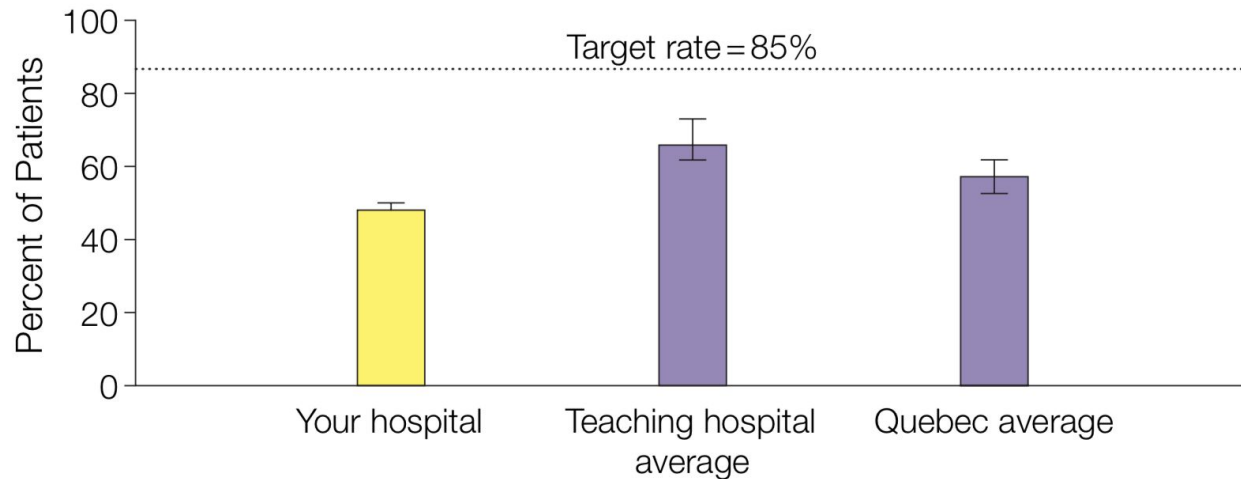




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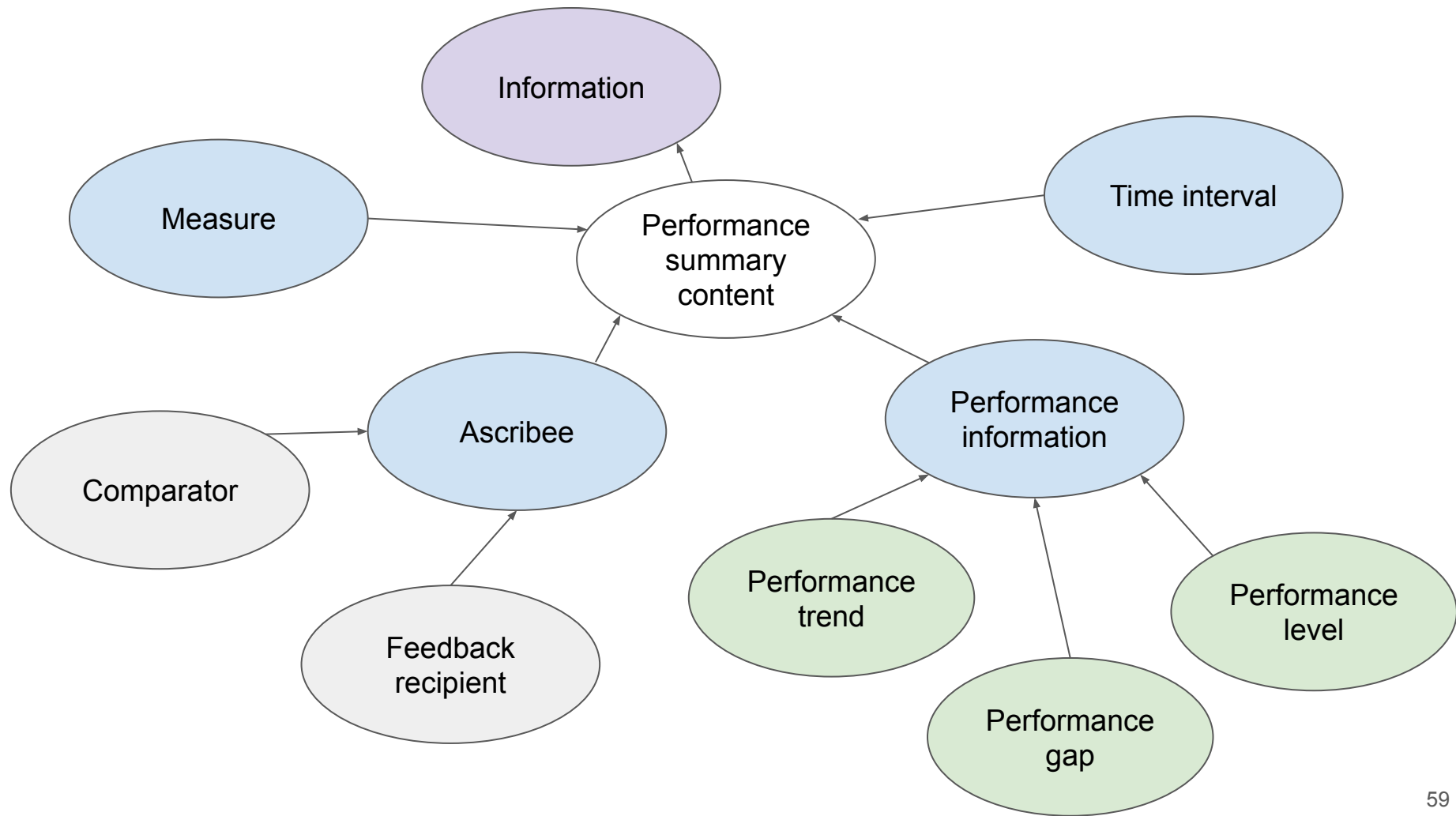
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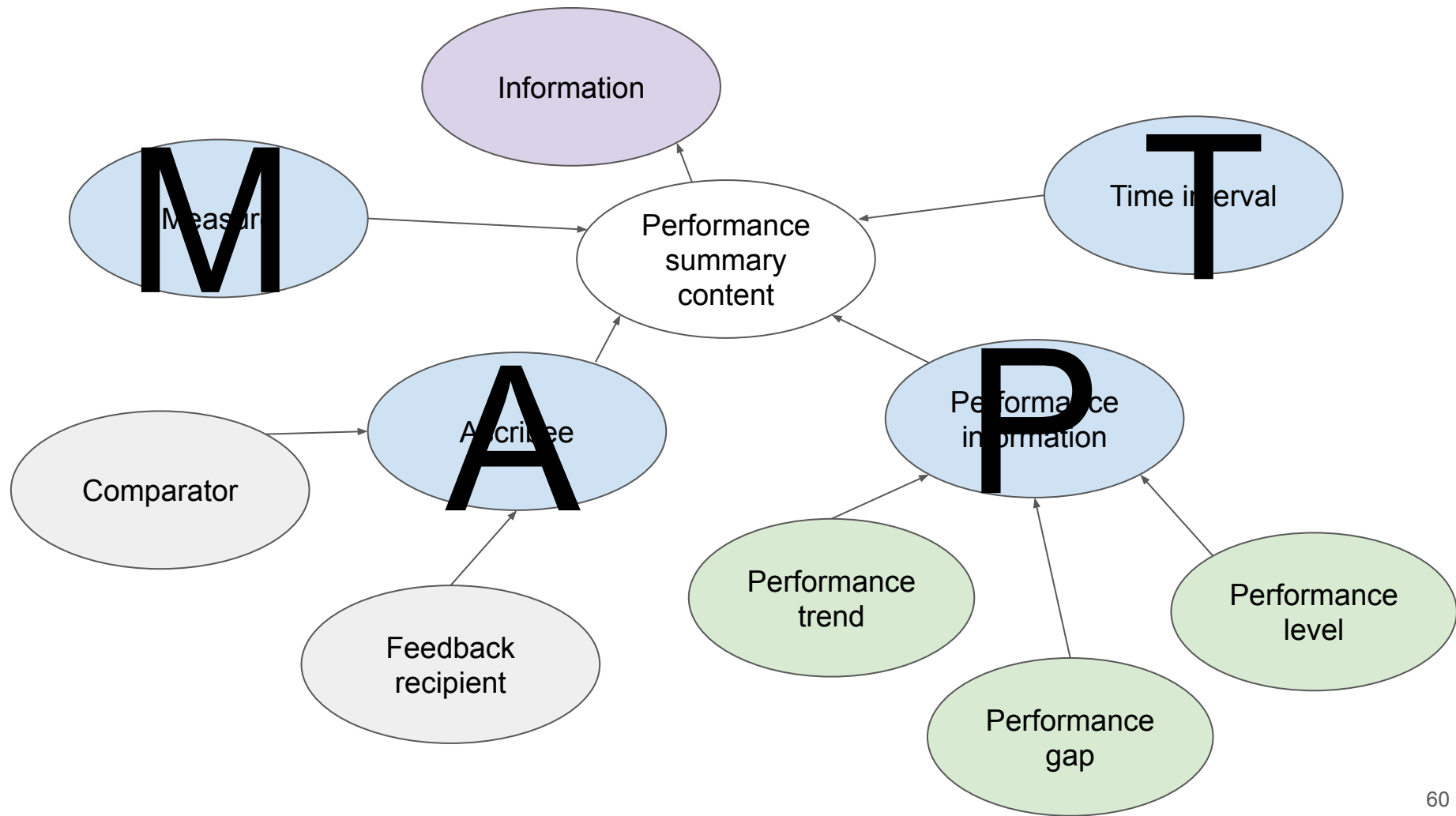
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# Performance trend

- Information about movement that emerges from performance levels displayed over time
- i.e. velocity feedback
- e.g. performance is increasing/decreasing





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# Limitations

- Incomplete
  - Many other important types of content are not yet included
- Slow-going, this represents ~3 years of work
- Limited input from A&F community to date

# Toward a feedback intervention ontology

- We are developing a computer-interpretable form of MAPT
- Purposes of the computable model:
  - Organizing data and information about feedback interventions
  - Learning about feedback mechanisms

# Implications for A&F research

- A standard model of feedback content could be useful for large-scale studies
- Support organized efforts to address A&F hypotheses at large scale



# Thank you

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