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**SCOAP  
 Community  
 Speaks Up  
 Value in SCOAP**

We were recently asked by administrators at Virginia Mason Medical Center about the "return on investment" associated with SCOAP.

To state the obvious: these are lean financial times for hospitals. Being a part of SCOAP costs hospitals money, and that investment requires that SCOAP adds value. [Read more...](#)

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 The SCOAP Box!**

**SCOAP Making a Difference:  
 Temporal Trends**

Through SCOAP, hospitals can track their progress over time and make sure they are maintaining their success. Across SCOAP hospitals, there have been dramatic quarter-by-quarter improvements. For example, the figures included to the right (click [here](#) to view) show decreased rates of re-operative complications in elective colorectal surgery.



**SCOAP Annual Retreat:  
 Looking Forward**

On Tuesday, May 4, over 130 people from almost all SCOAP hospitals gathered at the SCOAP Annual Retreat in Seattle. Participants learned about SCOAP's progress over the last year and its plans for the upcoming year and had a chance to provide input into SCOAP's directions. In a session on emerging evidence and how SCOAP can incorporate new findings, Dr. Anthony Senagore, Professor of Surgery at Michigan State University, and Dr. Patch Dellinger, Vice Chair of Surgery at the University of Washington, spoke about postoperative ileus and surgical site infection respectively. Participants received their hospitals' annual data reports and were able to attend best practices workshops for quality improvement around albumin testing and glucose monitoring.

The keynote speaker for the day was Dr. Atul Gawande, *New York Times* bestselling author of *The Checklist Manifesto* and ardent surgical checklist and SCOAP supporter. A video of Dr. Gawande's talk will be available on the SCOAP website soon.

For more information on the retreat and to view slides from the sessions mentioned above, visit the [Retreats page](#) on the [SCOAP website](#).

**About Us**

SCOAP is the future of surgical quality improvement. It is a physician-led, voluntary collaborative creating an aviation-like surveillance and response system for surgical quality. SCOAP's goal is to improve quality by reducing variation in process of care and outcomes at every hospital in the region.



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