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## The SCOAP Community Speaks Up

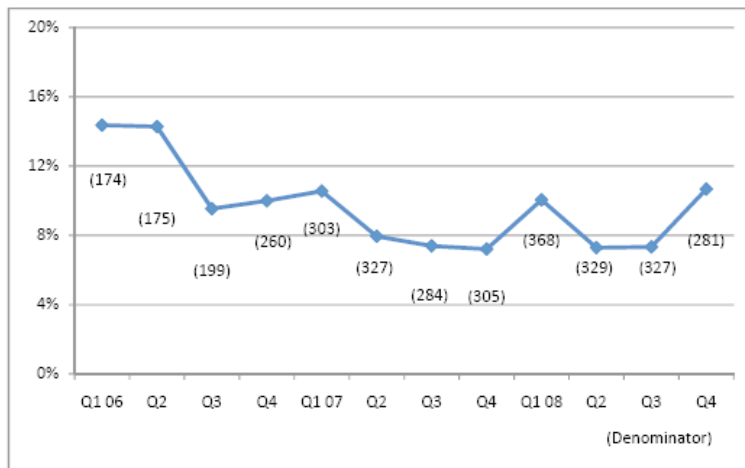
[Surgeons at Sacred Heart in Spokane have asked, “Why is SCOAP focusing on blood transfusion after surgery?” \(click to read full article\)](#)

Surgeons are passionate about their drains, their antibiotics, and their use of transfusions! Some know that it was surgeon George Crile back in 1906 who administered the first transfusion – and it seems we’ve been arguing about their value ever since. The surgeons who developed SCOAP wanted to track on transfusions so that

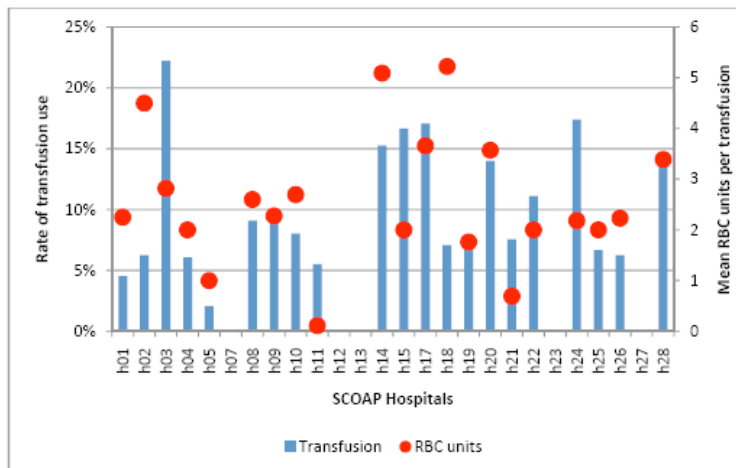
*SCOAP is the future of surgical quality improvement. It is a physician-led, voluntary collaborative creating an aviation-like surveillance and response system for surgical quality. SCOAP’s goal is to improve quality by reducing variation in process of care and outcomes at every hospital in the region.*

## SCOAP Making a Difference

SCOAP surgeons are decreasing the use of transfusions after elective colon/rectal resection.



SCOAP has plenty of work to do. There still is significant variation between hospitals in rates of transfusion (blue bars) and the median number of transfusions (red dots) in the last year.



**For more on transfusion, please see The SCOAP Community Speaks Up column to the left. To learn which hospital is yours in the slides above, or to ask questions about your data report, please contact Rosa Johnson at (206) 682-2811 x 20 or [rjohnson@qualityhealth.org](mailto:rjohnson@qualityhealth.org).**

colleagues could better understand the benefits, risks, and use patterns of this limited resource. As you see in the figure to the right, SCOAP data reveal widespread variability in the use of transfusions after elective colon surgery across hospitals and wide variation in the amount of blood transfused when patients do get blood. Blood products are limited, cost money, have their own associated risks and for most patients may not add much in a positive way to outcomes. To answer the SCOAP communities' questions about the "ins and outs" of transfusion we went to the literature for the most recent evidence.

To see the rest of this answer, [click here](#).

Visit the [SCOAP website](#) for answers to other questions raised by members of the SCOAP community on topics such as negative lymph nodes, blood glucose, negative appendectomy, and CT/US use.

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Join hundreds of surgeons from across Washington State and sign up to complete MOC Part 4 through SCOAP today!

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## SCOAP Updates

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ATTEND THE SCOAP ANNUAL MEETING JUNE 13!



SCOAP is now on Twitter! Follow us at [www.twitter.com/scoap](http://www.twitter.com/scoap) for up-to-date information on meeting dates, release of data reports, website updates, and other new SCOAP developments. We will be live-Twittering from the June 13 SCOAP Annual Meeting in Chelan, WA. The SCOAP Annual Meeting is held in conjunction with the Washington State chapter meeting of the American College of Surgeons and is a great opportunity for you to connect with others at SCOAP hospitals to share successes and best practices, as well as to learn about and have a say in upcoming SCOAP developments. To register for the SCOAP Annual meeting, contact Rosa Johnson at [rjohnson@qualityhealth.org](mailto:rjohnson@qualityhealth.org) or (206) 682-2811 x20.

## SCOAP Marches Across Washington State

46<sup>TH</sup>-48<sup>TH</sup> HOSPITALS JOIN SCOAP!

36 HOSPITALS IMPLEMENTING SCOAP SURGICAL CHECKLIST!

SCOAP is proud to welcome its 46<sup>th</sup>-48<sup>th</sup> members, Coulee Community Hospital (Grand Coulee), Deaconess Medical Center (Spokane), and Valley Hospital and Medical Center (Spokane Valley). These hospitals join 45 other hospitals from across the State of Washington in this clinician-led, voluntary collaborative that links hospitals across the state to increase the use of best practices in surgical care. SCOAP's goal is to provide the kind of surveillance of procedures and response to negative outcomes that exists in the world of aviation. Now in its third year, SCOAP's membership represents over 80% of the general surgical care in Washington State. To see a list of SCOAP and non-SCOAP hospitals or to learn more about SCOAP, [visit the SCOAP website](#).

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36 hospitals in the State of Washington are now using a [SCOAP-style Surgical Checklist](#)! Additionally, we are [soliciting feedback](#) on a version of the SCOAP Surgical Checklist that accounts for [ambulatory surgical procedures](#) (warning: opens a PDF document!).

To see a list of all hospitals using the SCOAP Surgical Checklist, learn more about implementing the SCOAP Surgical Checklist at your hospital, or see which healthcare organizations in the state support this initiative, [visit the Checklist website](#).

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