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The SCOAP Community Speaks Up

[Why are we focusing on glucose control in SCOAP given the recent evidence?](#)

Our SCOAP colleagues at Overlake Hospital have recently wondered about evidence that tight glycemic control can actually hurt patients. Let’s start with the basics of glycemic control metrics in SCOAP. SCOAP monitors 3 issues related to glucose and feeds them back to hospitals and surgeons. The

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.

Governor Gregoire Encourages All Hospitals to Join SCOAP and Use the SCOAP Surgical Checklist



“...preventable errors account for 30 percent of all health care costs. Given the current economic crisis, these are not dollars we can afford to waste. ...Washington State is leading the way in addressing this issue...The Governor’s office is proud to support the SOCAP Surgical Checklist Initiative and encourages every hospital to participate.”

– Governor Chris Gregoire

For entire text of Governor Gregoire’s proclamation regarding SCOAP, [click here](#).

SCOAP Checklist Rolls Out Across State

Now pilot tested at 15 hospitals in the state, SCOAP is rolling out the SCOAP Surgical Checklist for all hospitals statewide on January 15th. In the same way that checklists are used in airplanes, the SCOAP surgical checklist in the OR makes sure that errors are prevented through systems that protect patients. Adapted for use in the US from the WHO Checklist featured this week in the [New England Journal of Medicine](#), the SCOAP Surgical Checklist ensures that all members of the operating room team follow steps that are critical for patient safety. The SCOAP initiative aims to have Washington State be the first to have all ORs using a standardized checklist. A broad coalition of clinicians, insurers, employers, local business, healthcare providers and healthcare stakeholders has been formed to support the goal of placing a SCOAP Surgical Checklist in every OR in Washington State by the end of 2009. For more information on how to get your hospital using the checklist, go to www.scoapchecklist.org.

first is whether or not patients with diabetes had a blood sugar checked in the immediate perioperative period. The second is whether or not insulin was started if the blood sugar was greater than 200 in elective cases. More recently, we added highest/lowest blood sugar within 48 hours if patient was on insulin. You'll note that the SCOAP surgical checklist also reminds the OR teams to check a blood sugar among diabetics and to start insulin if the blood sugar is greater than 125.

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, Beta Blockers, and CT/US use.

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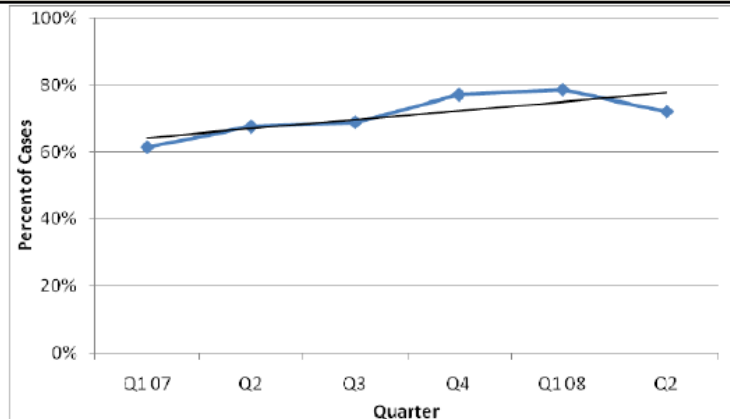
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SCOAP Making a Difference

SCOAP Hospitals Show Improvements in Glucose Testing of Patients with Diabetes Undergoing Elective Surgery – **Quality Improves** with Each Quarter of Participation.

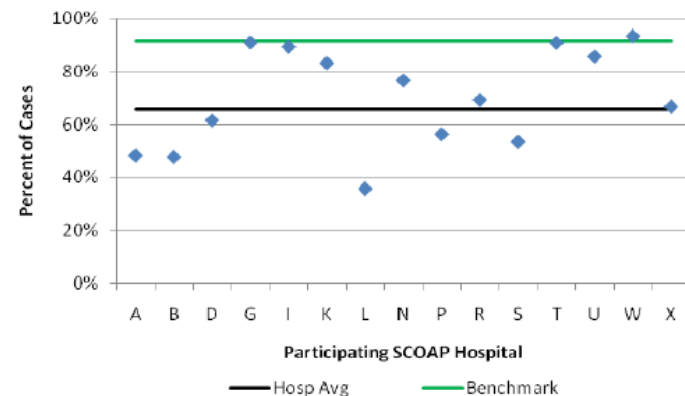


Patients with diabetes whose blood sugar is not monitored and controlled have a significantly higher rate of infection after surgery – The Risk of Infection Increases 30% for Every Increase of Blood Sugar by 40 Units above 110 mg/dL.

Do You Know Which Hospital is Yours?

Washington State Hospitals Can Still Improve....

SCOAP Hospitals (A-X) Still Show **Significant Variation** in Blood Sugar Testing.



To learn which hospital is yours on the above slides or to ask questions about your data report, please contact Rosa Johnson at (206) 682-2811 x 20 or rjohnson@qualityhealth.org.

SCOAP Marches Across Washington State

42ND HOSPITAL JOINS SCOAP!

SCOAP welcomes its 42nd member, Stevens Hospital (www.stevenshospital.org), in Edmonds, Washington. Stevens is a Joint Commission-accredited 217-bed public hospital serving Snohomish County, with a medical staff of over 300. Stevens Hospital joins 41 other hospitals from around 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 fourth year, SCOAP's membership represents most 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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