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## SCOAP Community Speaks Up Checklist Best Practices

We were recently asked by surgeons in Seattle to provide some guidance on best practices in performing, enforcing, and documenting the use of the SCOAP Surgical Checklist. SCOAP and the SCOAP Surgical Checklist recognizes there are 3 groups that make up every operating room team and that each group has roles to play and needs to be heard at all steps of a safe and high quality operation. [Read more...](#)

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## Sign Up For The SCOAP Box!

## DOH Releases Non-SCOAP Data on Surgical Safety

On April 1, 2010, the Washington State Department of Health released to the public [information it gathers on adverse events](#) like retained foreign bodies and wrong site surgery. Now our patients know what all of us have



known for years - that the delivery of surgical care involves many complex working parts and people, and we need to create better systems to make surgery safer. These events occurred at all of our hospitals. Click the figure above for a more detailed look at the numbers or [click here to read more](#).

## SCOAP Surgical Checklist Initiative: After 100%



On March 22, 2010, surgeons, nurses, anesthesiologists, quality improvement professionals, hospital executives, the insurance industry, corporate organizations, healthcare professional organizations, and the media gathered to celebrate the remarkable achievement of

100% adoption of The SCOAP Surgical Checklist by all hospitals across Washington State. The next challenge is getting all surgeons in all hospitals to use a checklist in every case. [Read more...](#)

## SCOAP Hospitals: Send a Team to the Annual SCOAP Retreat

This year's **SCOAP Retreat** will be held on **Tuesday, May 4** at the Hilton Seattle Airport & Conference Center (17620 International Blvd, Seatac, WA). Special guest [Dr. Atul Gawande](#) will be giving a keynote addressed entitled, "Real Reform: The Necessity of Local Collaboratives in Facing the Complexity of Health Care."

**We are hoping to see a team from each SCOAP hospital at this exciting and informative event.**  
[Register your team here.](#)

Other retreat activities will include the release of annual data reports, talks on emerging evidence in GI recovery and surgical site infections, a forum on the future of SCOAP, and workshops around specific SCOAP metrics and the use of the ARMUS database to make the most of your SCOAP reports.

## 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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