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## SCOAP Community Speaks Up: Bariatric Surgery

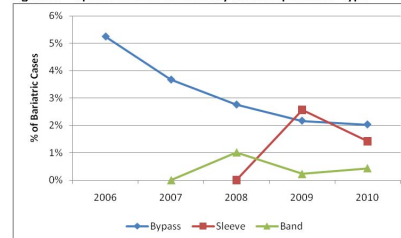
**Clinicians at Evergreen Hospital asked us recently, "Can you update us on SCOAP's data on quality and safety trends for bariatric surgery?"**

We are frequently asked about the impact of SCOAP benchmarking on surgical quality and safety. SCOAP has been collecting data on bariatric procedures since its beginning in 2006. Recently, we reviewed trends for operative reinterventions, in-hospital mortality and 30-day mortality for gastric bypass, sleeve gastrectomy, and lap band procedures. Paralleling nationwide trends, bariatric surgery at SCOAP hospitals has gotten much safer in the last 5 years. Rates of operative reinterventions (mostly for

## SCOAP Making a Difference: Bariatric Surgery

SCOAP has been monitoring bariatric surgery since its beginning in 2006. Over the course of the last 5 years, SCOAP hospitals have made significant progress on improving the safety of bariatric

Figure 1. Operative reintervention by bariatric procedure type



surgery in Washington State, but there is still much work to be done. For example, in the next few months, SCOAP is focusing on achieving better glycemic control during and after bariatric surgery as a way to decrease infectious complications (see the [SCOAP Community Speaks Up article](#)). There is still substantial variability between hospitals in the use of basic metrics of glycemic control and disturbing variation in even the checking of perioperative blood sugars, the use of insulin in diabetic patients with blood sugars of >200, and the effectiveness of glycemic control in the 2 days after surgery.

See the [figures above](#) for more information on the SCOAP data around bariatric surgery, and check out this month's [SCOAP Community Speaks Up article](#) to learn more about SCOAP's progress around bariatric surgery outcomes and plans for the future.

## SCOAP Marches Across Washington State

We are proud to welcome Walla Walla General Hospital, in Walla Walla, WA, to SCOAP! Walla Walla General is a 72-bed acute care facility and is a member of the Adventist Health system.

reinterventions (mostly for leaks) for patients having gastric bypass have decreased from 5% to 2% from 2006-2010 ([see figures to the right](#)).

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

This year's SCOAP Retreat will be held on Friday, June 17, at Campbell's Resort on Lake Chelan. We are hoping to see a team from each SCOAP hospital at this exciting and informative event. This year, we are proud to offer CME credit for surgeons attending. [Register here](#) or visit the [SCOAP website](#) for more information.

## About Us

SCOAP is the future of quality improvement. It is a physician-led, voluntary collaborative creating an aviation-like surveillance and response system for 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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