Improving SCIP Compliance through Flight Check

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The Surgical Care Improvement Project (SCIP) has become an integral part of Surgical Services across the nation. At Inova Fair Oaks Hospital, our initial compliance with SCIP recommendations for almost all measures was around 70% for over a year. Our objective was to provide ‘perfect care’ to our patients on a consistent basis. A multi-disciplinary team was assembled in 2008 to improve our compliance with these measures and gain a sustained improvement. We developed a ‘Flight Check’ to go along with our ‘Boarding Pass’ to make sure every surgical patient gets perfect care. A lot of education and improved processes have us reporting 95-100% compliance in all measures.

Care of the PeriAnesthesia patient is a multidisciplinary team approach. Providing ‘perfect care’ is a lofty but achievable goal when all who touch the patient are in tune with the evidenced based practice of SCIP.