

Testing the WHO Surgical Safety Checklist - Audioconference

Monday, March 9th, 4-5 PM

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The WHO Surgical Safety Checklist

A national initiative, known as the WHO Surgical Safety Checklist Sprint, is intended to help quickly spread the introduction of a tool that has shown significant improvements in surgical safety. According to an article published in the January 14, 2009 online edition of the [New England Journal of Medicine](#), a collection of hospitals in eight cities around the globe successfully demonstrated that use of the Checklist during major operations can lower the incidence of deaths and complications by more than one third.

By April 1, 2009, the goal of this initiative is to have every hospital in the country test the World Health Organization (WHO) Surgical Safety Checklist at least one time with one operating room team. Many hospitals will test the checklist many times, with many operating room teams. Some will implement the checklist for all surgical procedures.

This audio conference is designed to share the successful experience of one team and to enlist your engagement to pilot test the checklist with at least one team in your facility by April 1, 2009. We would also like feedback on your experience with the tool.

Presenters from Brigham and Women's Hospital:

David C. Brooks, MD, Director, Minimally Invasive Surgery; Senior Surgeon
Sunil Eappen, MD, Vice Chair, Department of Anesthesiology
Annie Lozeau, RN, OR Nurse
Kristin Alt Styer, MSN, RN, Quality Program Manager, Perioperative Nursing

Program content:

1. **From the perspective of administration:** planning the pilot, communication and education
2. **From the surgeon's perspective:** receiving the news, reactions to the checklist, advice to those who will be asking surgeons to use the checklist
3. **From the nurse's perspective:** reactions to using the checklist, advice to OR nurses
4. **From the anesthesiologist's perspective:** reactions to the checklist, advice on using the checklist

Audience: Nurses, physicians, and administrators

Program fee and Registration: Registration Fee = \$40 (Fee covers 1 phone line, with unlimited participants)

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PLEASE SEND US QUESTIONS in advance that you would like the speakers to address
Send questions to pgriswold@macoalition.org

More information on the surgical safety checklist and the national initiative is available at:

www.ihl.org/IHI/Programs/ImprovementMap/WHOSurgicalSafetyChecklist.htm
www.ihl.org/IHI/Programs/ImprovementMap/WHOSurgicalSafetyChecklistSprint.htm