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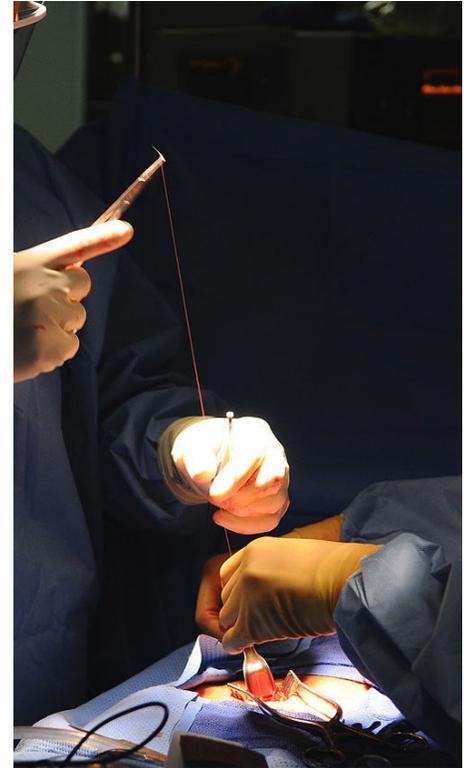
Terry and I have launched this newsletter to keep you informed about our quality improvement projects and provide updates on what is going on in the collaborative. We will also be providing updates from member hospitals on where they are in their quality improvement journey. Please feel free to share this newsletter with any colleagues or contacts who may be interested in the information provided. If you would be interested in providing information/sharing in a success (or failure!) story from your hospital, let us know.

As you know, the PSQC is a quality improvement initiative currently comprised of children's hospitals in the U.S. We have 42 members as of this writing. We initiated our first project, reduction of CT use in patients who present with suspected appendicitis, in October. Our Implementation Committee Chair, Dr. Mehul Raval, shares more on page 2. We continue to explore other areas of interest to our members for a quality improvement assessment as well as those areas highlighted as needing improvement from the ACS NSQIP Pediatric SAR. We have recently launched a small workgroup exploring the potential for a comparative review of gastrostomy use and complications at our member hospitals with a focus on enteral feeding practice variation. If we launch a broader project on that, we will certainly engage everyone. Also, if there are other projects that could be done using the NSQIP platform, do feel free to reach out.

Thank you for your continued involvement in the PSQC. We would like to hear from you about projects that may be of interest to your hospital and which make use of the NSQIP data we all contribute.



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