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**Military Health System (MHS) Surgical Quality Consortium (SQC)**

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**1. Program Objectives**

This activity is designed for surgical team members. The objectives of this course are to:

- Orient all personnel to NSQIP and its utilization
- Meet service leads and collaborate on issues specific to your position
- Demonstrate leadership approaches toward quality issues
- Describe the committee structure and process for advancing improvement objectives after DHA transition of owning hospitals
- Share process of the NSQIP in-depth, intense analysis of SARs to identify improvement opportunities

- Discuss range of activities navigating Semi-annual Reports. Share problems/ideas and brainstorm.
- Highlight the role of the MTF NSQIP Team (SC/SCR) in helping initiate improvements.
- Highlight the process for the use of the PUF to conduct research
- Training in fundamentals of improvement science and learning how to tackle a quality issue
- Discuss innovation and continuous improvement in surgical practice and process
- Discuss DHA Surgical Safety Standardization, Sustainment Practices, and Utility

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## Continuing Nursing Education (CNE) Credits

This continuing nursing education activity was approved by the American College of Surgeons, which is a provider approved by the California Board of Registered Nursing (Provider # CEP 17134).

The 2023 Military Health System (MHS) Surgical Quality Consortium (SQC) Meeting has been approved to award a maximum of **11.25 Continuing Nursing Education (CNE)** contact hours per attendee.

## Continuing Nursing Education Activity Objectives

At the conclusion of the educational activity, participants will self-report an increase in knowledge of:

- ACS NSQIP statistics, methodologies, and utilization of reports.
- Operationalizing ACS NSQIP and affecting improvement in military treatment facilities.
- Principles of quality and process improvement.
- Defense Health Agency and quality and patient safety organizational structure.

## Program Agenda

<u>TIME</u> (CST)	<u>TOPIC</u>
<b>Tuesday, February 14, 2023</b>	
0700-0800	<i>BREAKFAST</i>
0800-0815	<b>Welcome and Introduction</b> <i>CDR Eric Twerdahl, MD, USN</i> <i>Surgical Quality Officer WRNMMC, Associate Chair of Surgery for Quality USUHS. Vascular Surgeon.</i>
0815-1030	<b>Overview of ACS NSQIP</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 0815-0825   Historical Background of NSQIP and MHS NSQIP structure- <i>CAPT (Ret.) Mollie Mullen RN, DoD Collaborative NSQIP SP CoChair, Navy Lead SCR &amp; NMCS D SCR</i></li><li>• 0825-0900   Review of Modeling Methodology- <i>Mark Cohen, PhD, Statistical Manager, ACS</i></li><li>• 0900-0930   Interpreting the Collaborative Report- <i>Vanessa Thompson, PhD, Senior Statistician, ACS</i></li><li>• 0930-0940   <i>Break</i></li><li>• 0940-1005   Intellectual Properties, Data-Sharing - <i>CAPT (Ret.) Mollie Mullen</i></li><li>• 1005-1030   DHA Innovation: Military Civilian Collaboration- <i>CDR Roger Boodoo USN, DHA Innovation Group</i></li></ul> Objectives: Orient all personnel to NSQIP and its utilization

1030-1200	<p><b>Role-specific Breakout – SCRs, SCs, Quality Support Personnel</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Surgeon Champions:</b> <i>Presenting Data to Peers and Leadership</i></li> <li>• <b>Surgical Clinical Reviewers:</b> <i>Definitions (Jake Lapsey RN, ACS Senior Manager CQI Registry Operations and Claudia Byrd RN, ACS Clinical Support Manager)</i></li> </ul> <p>Objective: Meet service leads and collaborate on issues specific to your position</p>
1200-1300	LUNCH
1300-1400	<p><b>DAD-MA Remarks/Meritorious Hospital Recognition/State of DHA and Quality/Way Forward with DHA Markets</b></p> <p><i>Dr. Paul R. Cordts, MD, SES. Deputy Assistant Director, Medical Affairs, Defense Health Agency. Vascular Surgeon.</i></p>
1400-1445	<p><b>MHS Leadership Spotlight</b></p> <p><i>CAPT Kelly Elmore, MD, FACS, Chief of Staff, WRNMMC. Gynecological Surgeon &amp; Obstetrician.</i></p> <p>Objective: Demonstrate leadership approaches toward quality issues</p>
1445-1500	BREAK
1500-1530	<p><b>Overview of the Surgical Services Clinical Community (S2C2) Quality Subcommittee</b></p> <p><i>Lt Col Sarah Bowe, MD, FACS, USAF. Pediatric Otolaryngology Surgeon Chair of DHA S2C2 Quality Subcommittee</i></p> <p>Objective: Describe the committee structure and process for advancing improvement objectives after DHA transition of owning hospitals</p>
1530-1600	<p><b>Open Discussion/Q&amp;A Panel</b></p> <p><b>Assorted items: MHS CQM access: NSQIP files, CarePoint, SMEs, DHB NSQIP-Healthcare Disparities</b></p> <p><i>DoD NSQIP Steering Panel members</i></p>
1600-1615	<p><b>Recap/Preview of Next Day</b></p> <p><i>CDR Eric Twerdahl, MD, USN</i></p>
1615-1630	Group Photo
<b>Wednesday, 15 February 2023</b>	
0700-0800	Breakfast
0800-0815	<p><b>Welcome Day 2</b></p> <p><i>CDR Eric Twerdahl, MD, USN Surgical Quality Officer WRNMMC, Associate Chair of Surgery for Quality USUHS &amp; Vascular Surgeon</i></p>

0815-0900	<p><b>Practical Demonstration of a Deep Dive</b>  <i>CDR Louis Lewandowski, MD, FACS, USN, Surgeon Champion NMC Camp Lejeune SC &amp; Orthopedic Surgeon.</i></p> <p>Objective: Share process of the NSQIP in-depth, intense analysis of SARs to identify improvement opportunities.</p>
0900-0925	<p><b>Think Tank</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Moderator: <i>CAPT(Ret.) Mollie Mullen, RN, DoD Collaborative NSQIP SP CoChair, Navy Lead SCR &amp; NMCS D SCR</i></li> </ul> <p>Objective: Discuss range of activities navigating Semiannual Reports. Share problems/ideas and brainstorm.</p>
0925-0935	<i>Break</i>
0935-0955	<p><b>Operationalizing NSQIP: MTF Process Improvement Success or Failure story</b>  Moderators: <i>CDR Eric Twerdahl, MD, USN and CAPT (Ret.) Mollie Mullen RN</i>  NSQIP SC/SC team: <i>Ms. Clifette Johnson, RN, DoD NSQIP Collaborative SP Lead Army SCR, and Eisenhower Army Medical Center SCR</i></p> <p>Objective: Highlight the role of the MTF NSQIP Team (SC/SCR) in helping initiate improvements.</p>
0955-1025	<p><b>Research and Using the PUF</b>  <i>LTC Kristopher Hooten, MD, FACS, USA, DoD NSQIP Collaborative SP Army SC and Neurosurgeon, WRNMMC. &amp; CDR Don Lucas, MD, FACS, USN, DoD NSQIP Collaborative SP Lead Pediatric NSQIP SC and Pediatric Surgeon NMCS D.</i></p> <p>Objective: Highlight the process for use of the PUF to conduct research</p>
1025-1125	<p><b>Principles of Quality and Process Improvement</b>  <i>Col Jennifer Sexton, MD, FACS</i>  <i>DoD Collaborative NSQIP SP CoChair. Landstuhl Army Medical Center Chief of Vascular Surgery, and Vascular Surgeon.</i></p> <p>Objective: Training in fundamentals of improvement science and learning how to tackle a quality issue</p>
1125-1215	<p><b>Innovation, System Process Improvement: Military and Civilian Collaborations</b>  <i>Col (Ret.) Todd Rasmussen MD, FACS</i>  <i>Professor and Vice Chair for Education in the Department of Surgery at Mayo Clinic, Rochester and a Senior Associate Consultant in the Division of Vascular and Endovascular Surgery</i></p> <p>Objective: Discuss innovation and continuous improvement in surgical practice and process.</p>
1215-1315	<i>Lunch</i>

1315-1415	<p><b>DHA Standardization</b>  1125–1145   Standardized Surgeon Onboarding  <i>LCDR Jake Hall, MD, FACS, Co-Chair of DHA S2C2 Quality Subcommittee, NMC San Diego Asst. Surgeon Champion. Orthopedic Surgeon</i>  1145-1215   Ready Reliable Care Bundle, DHA-PI 6025.45 &gt; DHA-AI 6025.16, ORDIT, and More.  <i>CDR Eric Twerdahl, MD, USN</i></p> <p>Objective: Discuss DHA Surgical Safety Standardizations, Sustainment Practices, and Utility</p>
1415-1430	<p><b>Final Questions, Meeting Survey Completion   Adjourn</b>  <i>CDR Eric Twerdahl, MD, USN</i></p>

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