

FSCI: Setting a National Example for Quality Improvement



TAKING THE LEAD TO IMPROVE SURGICAL PATIENT OUTCOMES

A surgeon-led discussion about our enrollment in the Florida Surgical Care Initiative (FSCI), a component of the American College of Surgeons National Surgical Quality Improvement Program (ACS-NSQIP) took place on May 17th. This is a nationally validated, risk- adjusted, outcomes based program to measure and improve quality of surgical care. The program employs a prospective, peer-controlled, validated database to quantify 30-day risk-adjusted surgical outcomes. This process allows valid comparison of our outcomes among hospitals participating in the program in conjunction with comparison of national averages.

Data collection begins June 1, 2011 and will be entered into the secure acsnsqip.org website. Both you and the patient will be contacted for outcome data if/when your patient falls out thru the random selection process. The patient and surgeon identifiers will be scrambled to prevent identification outside LMHS.

If you would like more specific information about this program, please contact our surgeon champions or department chairs.

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