



SCIP UPDATE February 2007

SCIP Picks Up Steam Into 2007

2006 was a good year for SCIP but 2007 is shaping up to be even better.

SCIP Consumer Tip Sheet

The SCIP consumer tip sheet debuted at the SCIP Consumer Launch late last year in Washington, DC. The tip sheet, titled "Tips for Safer Surgery," provides consumers with easy questions they can ask their surgical care providers about the care they should receive as it relates to the SCIP measures.

Since the tip sheet was unveiled, SCIP headquarters has received dozens of requests for copies from hospitals and individuals across the country. The SCIP tip sheet also can be found on numerous web sites that attract thousands of consumers, including AARP, Premier, National Partnership for Women & Families, Medline, IHI, AHA, state QIOs and others.

We are interested in hearing how the tip sheet is being used in hospitals and physician offices! If you would like to share your story, email it to scippartnership@okqio.sdps.org.

The SCIP tip sheet may be duplicated and shared! The link to a pdf version is below. If an organization wants to print a large number of copies, email tsehat@okqio.sdps.org and request the tip sheet on a CD with the file in its original design format (InDesign), which most printers can work from.

Link to "Tips For Safer Surgery" consumer tip sheet:

<http://www.medqic.org/dcs/ContentServer?cid=1136495755695&pagename=Medqic%2FOtherResource%2FOtherResourcesTemplate&c=OtherResource>

IHI Plank

SCIP was chosen as one of the 'campaign planks' for the Institute for Healthcare Improvement's latest campaign, "5 Million Lives," which seeks to protect patients from five million incidents of medical harm over the next two years (through December 2008).

This means that thousands of IHI's participating hospitals will be focused on reaching their SCIP goals. Campaign materials can be found at: <http://www.ihl.org/IHI/Programs/Campaign/Campaign.htm?TabId=2#ReduceSurgicalComplications>.

Hospital Level of Participation

Thousands of hospitals are now participating in SCIP! The most recent data available from first quarter of 2006 showed that more than 3,200 hospitals have submitted data on at least some of the SCIP measures.

Remember, hospitals that are publicly recognized on the SCIP web site are only those that have voluntarily chosen to send in a SCIP Hospital Letter of Participation. If you would like your hospital to be publicly recognized on the SCIP web site, please click here ([How to Join](#)), download the Hospital Participation form on the right and fax it to the number indicated. Here's the link to the current list of hospitals on the web site:

<http://www.medqic.org/dcs/ContentServer?cid=1134322292811&pagename=Medqic%2FMOGeneralPage%2FGeneralPageTemplate&c=MOGeneralPage>

SCIP Measures Crosswalk Updated

The SCIP Measures Crosswalk has been updated to include the measures that are included now in the Annual Payment Update. The chart includes all of the implemented CMS SCIP measures and alignment with JCAHO and IHI, if they are endorsed by NOF and if they are currently publicly reported on Hospital Compare (<http://www.hospitalcompare.hhs.gov>). The new crosswalk is an attachment with this newsletter.

What's New on the SCIP Web Site!

Here are some of the latest additions to the SCIP web site at www.medqic.org/scip. Feel free to visit the SCIP site often as we post new tools, interventions and more weekly.

Breaking Down SCIP Physician Barriers (presentation):

This session was designed for SCIP physician champions and other physicians who speak on SCIP. Presented by Mark S. Michelman, MD, MBA, Clinical Director at FMQAI, the Florida QIO, and Medical Director of Quality Management at the Morton Plant Mease Health Care System. Includes audioconference and slides.

<http://www.medqic.org/dcs/ContentServer?cid=1163010350377&pagename=Medqic%2FMQPresentations%2FPresentationTemplate&c=MQPresentations>

BEAGLES - Surgical Site Infection Poster:

This poster was developed to assist bedside clinicians to better understand and to remember the quality measures associated with decreasing surgical site infections.

<http://www.medqic.org/dcs/ContentServer?cid=1163010438465&pagename=Medqic%2FMQTools%2FToolTemplate&c=MQTools>

SCIP Speaker's Bureau speaker bios:

<http://www.medqic.org/dcs/ContentServer?cid=1134322343861&pagename=Medqic%2FOtherResource%2FOtherResourcesTemplate&c=OtherResource>

Select SCIP Clinical Changes:

These fact sheets highlight select clinical changes for SCIP infection beginning July 1, 2006, and Oct. 1, 2006.

<http://www.medqic.org/dcs/ContentServer?cid=1150897214099&pagename=Medqic%2FOtherResource%2FOtherResourcesTemplate&c=OtherResource>

SCIP Literature Review (updated October 2006):

<http://www.medqic.org/dcs/ContentServer?cid=1101332573904&pagename=Medqic%2FMQLiterature%2FLiteratureTemplate&c=MLiterature>

Be A Joiner

If you would like to join the SCIP listserve, send an email to the following address from the email address you wish to use for the list: join-scip@list.qualishealth.org.

If you have received this newsletter from a colleague and would like to receive future issues, please email tsenat@okqio.sdps.org with your name, title, organization and email address.

For more information about SCIP or this newsletter, please contact Tracy Senat, Communications Coordinator, (405) 840-2891, x286; tsenat@okqio.sdps.org.

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