PROGRAM

QSC 2023

Quality and Safety Conference
July 10-13, 2023
Minneapolis, MN

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WELCOME

On behalf of the American College of Surgeons (ACS), it is my pleasure to welcome you to the 2023 ACS Quality and Safety Conference (QSC), taking place in Minneapolis, MN, also known as the “Land of 10,000 Lakes.” After holding a smaller-scale meeting last year to transition back to an in-person format, we are delighted to be back at a convention center that provides ample space for an abundance of incredible content.

The ACS QSC is the premier forum for learning about the latest developments in quality and safety, best practices, and actionable items that you can implement in your own institutions. Unlike any other conference, this event brings together healthcare professionals from around the world to discuss opportunities to improve surgical patient care. The theme of this year’s conference is “The Patient Voice.” You will hear from patients, surgeons, physicians, and other healthcare professionals who directly and indirectly influence patient outcomes. Our goal is to achieve high-quality care for our patients that reflects their priorities and individual health goals.

We are pleased to announce that Oluwaferanmi O. Okanlami, MD, MS, will be the keynote speaker for this year’s conference. Dr. Okanlami is the director of student accessibility and accommodation services and assistant professor of family medicine, physical medicine & rehabilitation, and urology at the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor. He will share his profound story of experiencing a spinal cord injury while in his orthopedic surgery residency at Yale and the events that followed. His story is unique in that he can share perspectives from a medical professional and a patient, and he will reveal the importance of the patient voice.

As mentioned previously, content will be robust this year and will include sessions from the many established ACS Quality Programs, as well as from new ACS Programs. In addition to programmatic content, there will be sessions on the ACS Quality Framework, sustainability in healthcare, residents as patient advocates, and much more. General sessions will highlight moving beyond the fundamentals of leadership, putting the patient first, integrating equity into quality, and the importance of data and analytics.

We will host many notable educational and social events this year. On Sunday afternoon we will host two Quality Improvement (QI) Basics Workshops, one for general attendees and one for surgical residents. The workshops will cover QI principles and provide tools to implement and track initiatives at your institution. The workshop will conclude Monday morning before the main conference kicks off. The Welcome Reception will be held on Monday evening at the Mill City Museum, a national historic landmark. The Abstract Poster Reception will take place on Tuesday evening where hundreds of scientific posters will be presented, and you can engage with presenters about their research and QI projects. On Wednesday evening, there will be a series of Quality Program Socials where you can socialize and network with colleagues working in the ACS Quality Programs.

We are excited to welcome you to this year’s conference and hope you will find it educational, rewarding, and motivating!

Clifford Y. Ko, MD, MS, MSHS, FACS, FASCRS
Director, ACS Division of Research and Optimal Patient Care
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- ADU: ACS NSQIP Adult
- CAN: Cancer
- CS: Children’s Surgery/ACS NSQIP Pediatric
- EGS: Emergency General Surgery
- GS: Geriatric Surgery
- MB: Metabolic and Bariatric Surgery
- QIP: Quality Improvement Principles
- QVP: ACS Quality Verification Program
- SS: Surgical Spectrum
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The 2023 ACS Quality and Safety Conference will offer attendees continuing education credits for their participation in this activity.

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**CNE - Continuing Nursing Education (CNE) Credits**

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**Sunday, July 9**

12:30–4:30 pm  
**QI Basics Preconference Workshop*—Part 1**  
L1, 101 DE

This workshop, based on the self-paced online ACS QI Course: The Basics, will be held as a two-part series on Sunday afternoon and Monday morning. It will provide a guided, hands-on approach to the topics covered in the online course, complete with discussions and activities. In addition to learning practical strategies for overcoming common obstacles, you will learn the fundamentals of the major components of Quality Improvement (QI) projects: QI methodology, use of data, the importance of teamwork, and stakeholder engagement. Workshop participants will be given complimentary access to the ACS QI Course: The Basics as part of their workshop registration.

**Faculty:** Lillian Kao, MD, MS, FACS; Peter Learn, MD, FACS; Mehul Raval, MD, MS, FAAP, FACS

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12:30–4:30 pm  
**QI Basics Residents Preconference Workshop*—Part 1**  
L1, 101 AB

For residents, this preconference workshop will be held as a two-part series on Sunday afternoon and Monday morning. Sunday afternoon will consist of a condensed version of the QI Basics Preconference Workshop and focus on the elements of the QI process most important to surgical residents. On Monday morning, participants will analyze and discuss case studies on topics including, but not limited to, patient safety, physician wellbeing, and ethics. This workshop will address several of the Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education Surgery Milestones. Workshop participants will be given complimentary access to the ACS QI Course: The Basics as part of their workshop registration.

**Faculty:** David Harrington, MD, FACS; Rachel Kelz, MD, MBA, MSCE, FACS; Shelbie Kirkendoll, DO, MS; Xane Peters, MD, MS

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*The two-part QI Basics Preconference Workshop is an additional cost of $279. Attendance is limited on a first-come, first-served basis.*
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**Monday, July 10**

**Breakfast (QI Basics Preconference Workshop Participants Only)**
This breakfast is for QI Basics Preconference Workshop or QI Basics Residents Preconference Workshop participants only.

**QI Basics Preconference Workshop*—Part 2**
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**General Session 1: Welcome to the 2023 ACS Quality and Safety Conference**
The conference will open with a few introductory remarks and a conference overview by Clifford Y. Ko, MD, MS, MSHS, FACS, FASCRS, Director of the ACS Division of Research and Optimal Patient Care.

*Moderator and Speaker:* Clifford Y. Ko, MD, MS, MSHS, FACS, FASCRS

**General Session 2: Going Beyond Traditional Leadership to Improve Quality**
Leadership is essential, yet filled with complexities requiring wisdom, experience, intuition, and character. This session will discuss the perspectives for moving beyond the fundamentals. Learn from leaders in the field and come away with lessons that you will be able to apply in your own setting to successfully achieve better quality.

*Moderator:* Zara Cooper, MD, MSc

*Speakers:* Zara Cooper, MD, MSc; Amalia Stefanou, MD, FACS, FASCRS; Bruce L. Hall, MD, PhD, MBA, FACS; Patricia L. Turner, MD, MBA, FACS
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<td>This session will host a variety of emerging topics in the quality and safety surgical environment. <strong>Moderator:</strong> Mary Fallat, MD, FACS, FAAP <strong>Speakers:</strong> James Fleshman Jr., MD, FACS, FASCRS; Rahul Tevar, MD FACS; Jo Shapiro, MD</td>
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<td>BO00 CME, CNE Improving Surgical Quality and Safety through Effective Communication</td>
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<td>This session strives to define the principles that lead to high team performance and provide an understanding of how performance improves when teams function at a high level. Attendees also will learn about the elements of a difficult conversation and tips and tricks for navigating such a conversation. Components of providing effective feedback and understanding negative reactions to feedback will be shared as well. <strong>Moderator:</strong> Emmanuel Gabriel, MD, PhD <strong>Speakers:</strong> Claudia Emami, MD, MPH; Chantal Reyna, MD, FACS; Daniel Eiferman, MD, MBA, FACS</td>
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<td>BO01 CME, CNE ACS Quality Framework: Lessons Learned in Year 1</td>
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<td>Quality improvement is central to improving outcomes for our patients. This session will provide an overview on the development of the new ACS Quality Framework, which guides users through the steps of planning, implementing, and evaluating a successful quality improvement project at the local level. Join this session to learn more about stakeholder perspectives on quality improvement and why use of the framework is critical for the success of your next QI project. <strong>Moderator:</strong> Linda Zheng, MAS <strong>Speakers:</strong> Linda Zheng, MAS; Tejen Shah, MD; Shelbie Kirkendoll, DO, MS; Xane Peters, MD, MS; Eileen Reilly, MSW; Karen Pollitt, BS, CPHQ</td>
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<td>BO02 CME, CNE Let’s Get Quizzical: ACS NSQIP Adult</td>
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<td>This session features an interactive trivia game geared toward surgical clinical reviewers for NSQIP Adult. This session will cover difficult and newer variable definitions for this program. Additionally, the NSQIP Adult sepsis definition was updated in January 2023. During this session, clinical support team members from NSQIP Adult will cover why the definition was updated, the key differences in the updated definition, and ways to interpret analyze sepsis/septic shock occurrences with previous data. <strong>Moderator:</strong> Claudia Byrd, RN, BS <strong>Speakers:</strong> Claudia Byrd, RN, BS; Alaina Matthews, RN, BSN, CCRN; Catherine Gallagher, MOT, OTR/L, CDP; Alaina Matthews, RN, BSN, CCRN</td>
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<td>General Session 5: The Power of Quality</td>
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**How ASA and APSF Are Engaging the Patient Voice to Improve the Perioperative Patient Experience**

Perhaps no experience in medicine creates more questions and anxiety for patients than the perioperative and surgical episodes. The American Society of Anesthesiologists (ASA) and its related Anesthesia Patient Safety Foundation (APSF) have each sought to learn from patients—what they want to know about their care and to develop resources to support them.

*Moderator and Speaker:* Grant Lynde, MD, MBA  
*Panelists:* Vonda Vaden Bates; Della Lin, MD, FASA; Salvador Gullo Neto, MD, PhD; David Brouhard, MD

10:30–11:45 am  
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**The Power of Quality: Promoting Hospital Quality Programs to Raise Awareness with Key Community Stakeholders**

The American College of Surgeon’s Power of Quality campaign is designed to help hospitals showcase their commitment to delivering exceptional surgical quality in the community and beyond. This session will feature leaders from Inova Health System in northern Virginia, who will discuss how they have leveraged the Power of Quality campaign through collaboration with the ACS to promote and showcase their dedication to quality and excellence across their system, including their networked Cancer programs and their Bariatrics and Breast programs. Promote your hospital’s dedication to quality with knowledge gained from this session!

*Moderator:* Brian K. Edwards, MBA  
*Speakers:* Brian K. Edwards, MBA; Clifford Y. Ko, MD, MS, MSHS, FACS, FASCRS; Kirsten Edmiston, MD, MPH, FACS; John Moynihan, MD, FACS

10:30–11:45 am  
BO12  
CME, CNE  

**Raising the Bar: Rural Pediatric Health Equity**

This session will focus on ways that centers in rural geographic areas can optimize care for children’s surgical patients. We will explore the unique challenges of rural centers and present ways in which overall quality of care can be improved. Topics of discussion will include telehealth and communication, rural anesthesia considerations, the Canadian perspective, and maintaining a pediatric-ready emergency room.

*Moderator:* Douglas Barnhart, MD, MSPH, FACS  
*Speakers:* Mary Fallat, MD, FACS, FAAP; Shaan Alli, MD; Erik Skarsgard, MD, FRCSC, FACS; Jonathan Kohler, MD, MA, FACS, FAAP

10:30–11:45 am  
BO13  
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**Quality Improvement in Action**

This session, led by three experienced Surgical Clinical Reviewers from three different facility types—academic, community, and complex health system—will cover topics related to the development of QI projects at your facility. This session centers around finding what works in planning and implementing successful QI projects. There will be multiple networking opportunities. Bring questions and business cards to the session. This is part one of a two-part session. Attendance for both sessions is not required but encouraged!

*Moderator:* Alaina Matthews, RN, BSN, CCRN  
*Speakers:* Martha Antal, RN, BSN, SCR; Beth Turrentine, PhD, RN; Anita Volpe, DNP/APRN
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<td><strong>Breaking Ground: Beginning the ACS Quality Verification Program Process</strong>&lt;br&gt;<strong>CME, CNE</strong>&lt;br&gt;L2, 200 A-E</td>
<td>This session details what to expect when enrolling in the ACS Quality Verification Program (QVP). Topics include the anticipated preparation time commitment, site visit structure, documentation requirements, and use of your NSQIP and other data to jumpstart your hospital’s QVP process. <em>Moderator:</em> Caroline Reinke, MD, MSPH, FACS  <em>Speakers:</em> Caroline Reinke, MD, MSPH, FACS; Peter Learn, MD, FACS; Sarah Valek, RN, MSN, MBA; Shelby Eagle, MPH; Amy Robinson-Gerace</td>
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<td><strong>Hepatobiliary Surgical Quality Improvement</strong>&lt;br&gt;<strong>CME, CNE</strong>&lt;br&gt;L2, 200 FG</td>
<td>This session will review recent improvements in rates of optimal pancreatic and hepatic surgeries, including factors associated with decreased rates of postoperative outcomes. The session will also detail a roadmap for how to continue achieving success in the field of hepatobiliary surgical quality improvement, including an introduction to a new quality verification program focused on high-risk gastrointestinal surgeries. <em>Moderator:</em> Henry Pitt, MD, FACS  <em>Speakers:</em> Susan Tsai, MD, MHS, FACS; Joal Beane, MD; Henry Pitt, MD, FACS; James Fleshman Jr., MD, FACS, FASCRS</td>
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<td><strong>I've Got 99 Problems, but Age Ain't One: Cost and Value in Geriatric Care</strong>&lt;br&gt;<strong>CME, CNE</strong>&lt;br&gt;L2, 200 H-J</td>
<td>As the population of older adults continues to grow, it is increasingly urgent to address this group’s unique care requirements and treatment needs coupled with reducing costs while providing high-quality care. Adverse events in surgical patients, especially older adults, can be extremely costly, and value-based care payment models offer advantages to help mitigate this. For this session, speakers will discuss how to promote and provide high-quality care, while reducing costs for the older adult surgical patient. <em>Moderator:</em> Mark Katlic, MD, MMM, FACS  <em>Speakers:</em> Sevdenur Cizginer, MD, MPH, AGSF; Courtney Collins, MD, MS, FACS; Nicole Saur, MD, FACS, FASCRS; Matthew Schiralli, MD, FACS</td>
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<td><strong>How QI and Patient Interviews Can Make Your Practice PROMPT</strong>&lt;br&gt;<strong>CME, CNE, CE</strong>&lt;br&gt;L2, 205 AB</td>
<td>This session will provide an overview of the PROMPT study before diving into lessons learned on the timeliness of patient care across NAPBC programs and elevating the patient voice in what is viewed as acceptable time to treatment. Attendees will be provided with key takeaways for considering the patient perspective on timeliness of care. <em>Moderator:</em> Katharine Yao, MD, FACS  <em>Speakers:</em> Katharine Yao, MD, FACS; Tammy Stump, PhD; Marie Fefferman, MD; Richard Bleicher, MD, FACS; Jill Dietz, MD, MHCM, FACS</td>
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<td><strong>MBSAQIP Quality Improvement Working Session 1</strong>&lt;br&gt;<strong>CME, CNE</strong>&lt;br&gt;L1, 101 FG</td>
<td>Metabolic and Bariatric Accreditation and Quality Improvement Program (MBSAQIP) QI Working Sessions are intended to take participants through the lifecycle of a QI project and provide them with the tools to apply their newly gained knowledge in the moment. This session will concentrate on reviewing participant’s data—both what MBSAQIP provides, as well as alternatives to look at internally. To maximize learning for these sessions, please bring a laptop to access your center’s MBSAQIP Registry. <em>Moderator:</em> Anthony T. Petrick, MD  <em>Speakers:</em> Arielle Grieco, MPH; Lisa Hale, MSN, RN, CNOR, CPHQ; Anthony T. Petrick, MD</td>
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| 10:30–11:45 am  | **BO19 CME, CNE**  
Residents as Patient Advocates: How You Can Amplify the Patient Voice as a Trainee and Beyond  
Surgical residents serve a unique role as patient advocates and play a critical role in amplification of the patient voice. During this workshop, speakers with experience advocating for patients will share recommendations for successfully amplifying the patient voice and affecting change during surgical training and beyond.  
**Moderator:** Rebecca Williams-Karnesky, MD, PhD, MEdPsych  
**Speakers:** Rebecca Williams-Karnesky, MD, PhD, MEdPsych; Courtney Meyer, MD, MPH; Ursula Adams, MD, MBA; Karlie Haug, MD | L2, 208 CD |
| 10:30–11:45 am  | **BO20 CME, CNE**  
Meeting the Needs of the Increasingly Diverse Field of Emergency General Surgery (EGS): Advancing Care and Quality of a Unique Patient Population with the EGS Verification Program  
In this panel, experts will discuss the unique needs of the EGS field from a programmatic and patient-centered perspective, with particular focus on how the new EGS Verification Program addresses the patient, data, and QI needs of the field.  
**Moderator:** Raul Coimbra, MD, PhD, FACS  
**Speakers:** Raul Coimbra, MD, PhD, FACS; Kimberly Davis, MD, MBA, FACS, FCCM; Kim Forshaw, MSN, RN, CCRN-K; Michael Wandling, MD, MS, FACS; Michael Chang, MD, FACS | L2, 211 AB |
| 11:45 am–1:00 pm| Lunch                                                                  | L1, Exhibit Hall B  |
| 1:00–1:45 pm    | **GS06 CME, CNE**  
General Session 6: Keynote: Disabusing Disability™: Demonstrating That DISability Doesn’t Mean INability  
**Moderator:** Zara Cooper, MD, MSc, FACS  
**Keynote Speaker:** Oluwaferanmi O. Okanlami, MD, MS | L1, Auditorium Main |
| 1:45–2:15 pm    | Networking Break                                                       | L1, Ballroom AB     |
| 2:15–3:30 pm    | **Abstract Sessions 1**  
Abstract sessions relate to surgical QI initiatives. The sessions are applicable to: Bariatric Abstract Session (AB01; L2, 200 A-E), Cancer Abstract Session (AB02; L1, 102 A-F), Efficiency and Value Abstract Session (AB03; L1, 101 FG), Geriatric Abstract Session (AB04; L1 103, A-F ), Health Equity and Access Abstract Session (AB05; L2, 205 AB), Health Informatics for Quality Abstract Session (AB06; L2, 200 FG), Pediatric I Abstract Session (AB07; L2, 200 H-J), Pediatric II Abstract Session (AB08; L2, 208 AB), Surgical Potpourri Abstract Session (AB09; L2, 208 CD), Trauma / Acute Care Abstract Session (AB10; L2, 211 AB) | L1, Ballroom AB |
| 3:30–4:00 pm    | Networking Break                                                       | L1, Ballroom AB     |
| 4:00–5:15 pm    | **Abstract Sessions 2**  
Abstract sessions relate to surgical QI initiatives. The sessions are applicable to: Collaboratives Abstract Session (AB11; L1, 101 FG), Education Abstract Session (AB12; L1, 102 A-F) Efficiency and Value Abstract Session (AB13; L1, 103 A-F), Emergency General Surgery Abstract Session (AB14; L2, 200 FG), Geriatric Abstract Session Abstract Session (AB15; L2, 200 A-E), Health Informatics for Quality Abstract Session (AB16; L2, 200 H-J), Pediatric III Abstract Session (AB17; L2, 205 AB), Pediatric IV Abstract Session (AB18; L2, 208 AB), Surgical Potpourri Abstract Session (AB19; L2, 208 CD), Vascular Abstract Session (AB20; L2, 211 AB) | L1, Ballroom AB |
| 5:30–7:00 pm    | **Abstract Poster Reception and Networking Event**  
During this event, attendees will view hundreds of abstract posters, interact with the primary authors, and ask questions about their work. This dedicated time serves as a great networking opportunity. | L1, Ballroom AB |
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| 9:45–11:00 am | BO24    | CNE    | L1, 103 A-F | **Interactive QI Solutions** | This session, led by three experienced Surgical Clinical Reviewers from three different facility types—academic, community, and complex health system—will cover topics related to the development of QI projects at your facility. This session centers around finding what works in planning and implementing successful QI projects. There will be multiple networking opportunities. Bring questions and business cards to the session. This is part two of a two-part session. Attendance for both sessions is not required but encouraged! | **Moderator:** Alaina Matthews, RN, BSN, CCRN  
**Speakers:** Martha Antal, RN, BSN, SCR; Beth Turrentine, PhD, RN; Anita Volpe, DNP/APRN |
|              | BO25    | CME, CNE | L2, 200 FG | **Becoming a Surgical Quality Officer at Your Institution** | This session is for surgeon leaders interested in becoming or further developing their role as a Surgical Quality Officer (SQO), as defined by the ACS QVP. This panel consists of current SQOs sharing their expertise on the value and responsibilities of the SQO at the hospital-level, experience in structuring and implementing the SQO role within their home institution, and resources to start the SQO role. | **Moderator:** Caroline Reinke, MD, MSPH, FACS  
**Speakers:** Caroline Reinke, MD, MSPH, FACS; Matthew Schiralli, MD, FACS; Kirsten Edmiston, MD, MPH, FACS; Rachel Kelz, MD, MBA, MSCE, FACS |
|              | BO26    | CME, CNE | L2, 200 H-J | **An Introduction to the New Emergency General Surgery Verification Program (EGS-VP)** | This session will present the standards, process, and integration experience of the ACS Emergency General Surgery Verification Program (EGS-VP) in the hospital setting. As a new program in the suite of ACS quality programs, the EGS-VP emphasizes well-defined scope, data, and clinical practices in developing a robust and meaningful quality-focused program for patients, providers, and leadership in the EGS space. | **Moderator:** Patrick Reilly, MD  
**Speakers:** Patrick Reilly, MD; Raul Coimbra, MD, PhD, FACS; Kimberly Davis, MD, MBA, FACS, FCCM; Michael Wandling, MD, MS, FACS; Stephanie Savage, MD, MS, FACS |
|              | BO27    | CME, CNE | L2, 205 AB | **P Is for Palliative Care** | Integrating palliative care into surgery to enhance the quality of life for the older adult patient is more important than ever. By developing relationships with multidisciplinary teams, palliative care specialists can improve the quality of care for patients by building upon the synergies that exist between the two. For this session, speakers will discuss how to approach palliative care issues in the older adult population by addressing innovative models of surgical palliative care, quality measurement, and implementing palliative care standards into the Geriatric Surgery Verification (GSV) Program. | **Moderator:** Zara Cooper, MD, MSc, FACS  
**Speakers:** Kathleen O’Connell, MD, MPH; Katherine Ast, MSW, LCSW; Rachelle Bernacki, MD, MS |
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#### 9:45–11:00 am

**BO28 CME, CNE**

**Preventing Post-Hepatectomy Complications**

Complications are more common after major rather than partial hepatectomy and include bile leaks and liver failure. Mitigation strategies include preoperative assessment of functional liver reserve, perioperative steroids, intraoperative bile leak tests, and appropriate use as well as management of drains.

**Moderator:** David Bentrem, MD, FACS  
**Speakers:** Henry Pitt, MD, FACS; Ryan Ellis, MD; Ching-Wei Tzeng, MD; Joal Beane, MD; Abhishek Mathur, MD

#### 9:45–11:00 am

**BO29 CME, CNE**

**Let's Talk Data: Current Topics in ACS NSQIP Pediatric**

This session highlights current topics for NSQIP Pediatric participants. Topics of discussion include working with your Children’s Surgery Verification team, maintaining and presenting data, the testicular torsion collaborative, and the Gastrostomy Tube Pilot.

**Moderator:** Cassie Mets, MPH, BSN, RN  
**Speakers:** Brendan Campbell, MD, MPH, FACS; Susan Scarlott, BSN, RN, Esq; Leslie McQuiston, MD; Loren Berman, MD, MHS; Derek Wakeman, MD, FACS

#### 9:45–11:00 am

**BO30 CME, CNE, CE**

**Addressing the “Inevitable Buts” of Performance-Related QI**

“But the data do not capture my practice!”, “But nobody is going to listen to me!”, “But there is no support!” From stakeholders to workflow to data, there are many considerations when developing a QI initiative. This session will take learners through these considerations and provide practical examples of how to overcome some of the “buts” of QI.

**Moderator:** Ko Un Clara Park, MD  
**Speakers:** Ko Un Clara Park, MD; Mohammad Siddiqui, MD, FACS; Anthony Yang, MD, MS, FACS

#### 9:45–11:00 am

**BO31 CME, CNE, CE**

**Using Root Cause Analysis to Achieve Operative Standards Compliance**

In this session, speakers will draw on Operative Standard 5.8 to demonstrate how they used process mapping to find and address the root cause to understand barriers to performance. Panelists will highlight pragmatic approaches to intervention and showcase several QI tools learners can begin implementing in their own program today.

**Moderator:** David Odell, MD, MMSc, FACS  
**Speakers:** David Odell, MD, MMSc, FACS; Ryan Merkow, MD, MS; Matthew Facktor, MD, FACS; Tony Mozer, MD, MBA; Rishindra Reddy, MD, MBA, FACS

#### 11:00 am–12:30 pm

**Lunch**

**L1, Exhibit Hall B**

#### 12:30–1:45 pm

**BO32 CME, CNE**

**Effectively Communicating with the C-Suite—Navigating the Sea of QI Reports**

NSQIP Adult, NSQIP Pediatric, and MBSAQIP benchmarking reports arguably provide the most accurate, comprehensive, and useful quality data in the surgical quality arena. However, it can be difficult to give the C-Suite accessible information that fully documents program value. In this session, we will provide an overview of available resources (e.g., reports, interactive tools, raw data) and examples of successful C-Suite presentations summarizing program performance.

**Moderator:** Vanessa Thompson, PhD  
**Speakers:** Vanessa Thompson, PhD; Martha Antal, RN, BSN, SCR; Bruce L. Hall, MD, PhD, MBA, FACS; Jacqueline Saito, MD, MSCI, MBA, FACS; Loren Berman, MD, MHS; Linda Neumann-Potash, RN, MN, CBN  
**Faculty:** Mark Cohen, PhD; Arielle Grieco, MPH
12:30–1:45 pm

**BO33**

**CME, CNE**

**Working Together through Trials and Tribulations**

In this panel, attendees will learn methods to improve communication within the interdisciplinary team (surgical clinical reviewers, surgeon champions, surgeons, stakeholders, QI officers) and create a receptive environment to foster quality improvement. Attendees also will learn ways to broach difficult conversations with surgeons and stakeholders regarding their site’s data. Additionally, we will discuss how to stay current with active quality improvement opportunities using real-time data.

**Moderator:** Jessica Spratte, BSN, RN

**Speakers:** Jessica Spratte, BSN, RN; James Suliburk, MD, FACS; Tanya Briggs, RN, BSN; Kimberly Nowdesha, RN, BSN; Mary Beth Cotter, RN, BSN

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**BO34**

**CME, CNE**

**Children’s Surgery QI Workshop: How to Achieve Zero—Part 1: Fundamentals of Improvement**

This foundational QI workshop is geared towards all members involved in the QI process, including anesthesiologists, surgeons, clinical nurse managers, and perioperative staff. It will include an introduction to the science of improvement and provide the background knowledge, skills, and analytic framework required for quality, safety, and performance improvement work. The workshop is divided into three parts and will include several small group exercises focused on the key foundational elements of improvement work. The sessions will include time for collaboration among participants and conversation regarding how to initiate future QI projects. This workshop was developed in collaboration with the Society for Pediatric Anesthesia and Wake Up Safe.

**Moderator:** Jayant Deshpande, MD, MPH

**Speakers:** Jayant Deshpande, MD, MPH; David Buck, MD, MBA; Robert Brustowicz, MD, FAAP, FACMQ, CHCQM

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12:30–1:45 pm

**BO35**

**CME, CNE**

**MBSAQIP Quality Improvement Working Session 3**

Metabolic and Bariatric Accreditation and Quality Improvement Program (MBSAQIP) QI Working Sessions are intended to take participants through the lifecycle of a QI project and give them the tools to apply their newly gained knowledge in the moment. This session will take what was learned in the first two sessions and walk through how to implement, monitor, and report a participant’s QI project. To maximize learning for these sessions, please bring a laptop to access your center’s MBSAQIP Registry.

**Moderator:** Lisa Hale, MSN, RN, CNOR, CPHQ

**Speakers:** Anthony Petrick, MD; Cassandra Peters, BA

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12:30–1:45 pm

**BO36**

**CME, CNE**

**Provision of Equitable Care from the Perspective of Accrediting Bodies**

In this panel, representatives from different accrediting bodies will discuss their organization’s approach to evaluating equity as a domain of quality. The discussion will include consideration of equity in the development of standards of care and benchmarking metrics.

**Moderator:** Courtney Collins, MD, MS, FACS

**Speakers:** Courtney Collins, MD, MS, FACS; Haytham Kaafarani, MD, MPH, FACS; Bonnie Mason, MD, FAAOS
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Speakers: Amanda Dilger, MD; Neelima Tummala, MD, MS; Timothy Jackson, MD, MPH, FRCSC, FACS |                                                                                             |
| 12:30–1:45 pm | BO38       | Taking Care of Your Older Adult Patients Through the ACS Quality Programs | For the rapidly aging and older adult population, surgical needs are an undeniable reality. The ACS has a plethora of quality programs aimed at addressing this healthcare challenge across a variety of surgical specialties by equipping hospitals with numerous cross-cutting standards designed to support high-quality care for the surgical patient, including those who are older adults. During this session, hospitals participating in the Geriatric Surgery Verification, Trauma, and Cancer Programs will provide insight on their experiences with caring for older adult patients in each of their respective settings by sharing their challenges, successes, and QI strategies. | Moderator: Ronnie Rosenthal, MD, MS, FACS  
Speakers: Hemant Keny, MD; Diane Wintz, MD, FACS; Erika Ramsdale, MD, MS; Xane Peters, MD, MS |                                                                                             |
| 12:30–1:45 pm | BO39       | Learn the Eight Steps to Conduct a Cancer QI Project                 | The new ACS Quality Framework can help all programs plan and execute a well-designed QI project. This session will provide an introductory overview of the framework and panelists will provide real world examples of how they moved through each of these steps when designing cancer QI projects. It is highly recommended that you attend ACS Quality Framework 101 for a general overview of the Framework prior to this session. | Moderators: Anthony Yang, MD, MS, FACS; Timothy Mullett, MD, MBA, FACS; Katharine Yao, MD, FACS; Laurie Kirstein, MD, FACS  
Speakers: Anthony Yang, MD, MS, FACS; Karen Pollitt, BS, CPHQ |                                                                                             |
| 12:30–1:45 pm | BO40       | Oh, the Places You'll Go: From Collaboration to Innovation—NSQIP, A Gateway Towards Improvement | This session will showcase an established NSQIP collaborative experience, including a review of the challenges and successes that can be replicated by any NSQIP participant. There will be an overview of data dashboards, communication plans, education and recruitment, and participation in a surgical patient optimization collaborative, delirium collaborative, or other NSQIP collaborative. | Moderator: Darren Lazare, MD, FRCSC  
Speakers: Angela Tecson, RN, BSN, MStat, CNS; Dave Williams, MD; Susan Lee, MD, FRCPC, MAS; Shawn Mackenzie, MD, FACS, FRCSC; Parmjeet Panesar, RN, BSN, LSSGB; Darren Lazare, MD, FRCSC; Ashraf Amlani-Rajan, RN, BSN |                                                                                             |
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<td>In the past, physicians traveled to patient homes to provide care, but the construction of hospitals and physician offices transitioned care out of the home and into medical centers. With this transition, came hospital acquired infections and a plethora of new safety concerns for patients. The rapidly expanding realm of telehealth capabilities combined with apps and wearable technology holds the key to transitioning healthcare back into the home and reasserting centrality of the patient in care. Additionally, artificial intelligence (AI) partnered with apps and chatbots for allowing patients to share their experiences can assist in identifying and intervening in high-risk health concerns early, including in the postoperative realm. This session will focus on leveraging devices and technologies already in use for putting patient care back in the patient home.</td>
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**Provision of Equitable Care from the Perspective of Institutions**

In this panel, frontline stakeholders will describe their institution's approach and strategies to ensure provision of equitable care. A surgeon and a non-surgeon counterpart from each institution will provide examples of QI projects focused on equity and will share their successes and challenges.

**Moderator:** Lillian Kao, MD, MS, FACS  
**Speakers:** Lillian Kao, MD, MS, FACS; Elizabeth Wick, MD, FACS; Ildemaro Gonzalez, MBA; Jyotirmay Sharma, MD, FACS, FACE; Elizabeth Haines, MD; Kathie Ann Joseph, MD, MPH

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2:15–3:30 pm  
**BO46 CME, CNE**

**TRIAD: A Nationwide Program for Surgeon-Led Shared Decision-Making in Appendicitis Treatment**

During this session, experts in emergency general surgery (EGS) and implementation science will discuss the ACS's Treatment Individualized Appendicitis Decision-Making (TRIAD) Implementation Program. TRIAD is a nationwide implementation program featuring surgeon-led shared decision-making related to treatment options for appendicitis. Experts will discuss plans for national spread, programs in Phase 1 hospitals, issues related to billing, and medical malpractice. Attendees will gain a better understanding of the use of shared decision-making in the emergency room and how TRIAD is being incorporated in broader ACS programming.

**Moderator:** Giana H. Davidson, MD, MPH, FACS  
**Speakers:** Giana H. Davidson, MD, MPH, FACS; Caroline Reinke, MD, MSPH, FACS; Estell Williams, MD, FACS

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2:15–3:30 pm  
**BO47 CME, CNE**

**Patient-Centered Care: Designing Care through the Patient’s Eyes**

Older patients undergoing surgery may receive care in multiple settings, which can result in fragmented care and poorly executed care transitions. Experts in this panel will discuss the steps to take in order to avoid the negative consequences of this and provide a more patient-centered approach for the surgical care of older adults by integrating program review questionnaires into a quality assessment, ensuring value-based decision-making, communicating goals effectively, integrating follow-up appointments into one’s practice, and understanding social determinants of health outside the hospital.

**Moderator:** Julia Berian, MD, MS  
**Speakers:** Jason Liu, MD, MS; Christy Cauley, MD, MPH; Sandhya Lagoo-Deenadayalan, MD, PhD, FACS; Ira Leeds, MD

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2:15–3:30 pm  
**BO48 CME, CNE**

**Back to School Part 1: Statistics Scare Me, but I Need to Understand My Reports**

This session will provide a basic (math-free) look at our reports for NSQIP Adult, NSQIP Pediatric, and MBSAQIP, followed by an opportunity for discussion.

**Moderator and Speaker:** Vanessa Thompson, PhD  
**Faculty:** Mark Cohen, PhD; Arielle Grieco, MPH

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2:15–3:30 pm  
**BO49 CME, CNE**

**ACS Quality Framework: From Theory to Practice**

This interactive session will provide participants with a hands-on opportunity to apply the ACS Quality Framework. Working in teams, participants will utilize the framework and supporting tools to develop a QI project based on relevant programmatic scenarios with the opportunity for subsequent coaching by ACS Framework staff.

**Moderator:** Charlotte Provagna, MHSA  
**Speakers:** Charlotte Provagna, MHSA; Sarah Valek, RN, MSN, MBA; Karen Pollitt, BS, CPHQ; Linda Zheng, MAS
2:15–3:30 pm  **BO50**  CME, CNE

**Advancing Quality in General Surgery: Three Things to Consider**

In this panel, physicians who are exploring new frontiers in the treatment of common general surgery conditions will discuss their techniques, care paths, and results with these new management systems.

*Moderator:* Xane Peters, MD, MS  
*Speakers:* Xane Peters, MD, MS; Zahraa AlHilli; Joshua Winder, MD, FACS; Emre Gorgun, MD

2:15–3:30 pm  **BO51**  CNE

**Let's Get Quizzical: ACS NSQIP Pediatric**

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*Moderator:* Claudia Byrd, RN, BS  
*Speakers:* Claudia Byrd, RN, BS; Cassie Mets, MPH, BSN, RN; Jessica Spratte, BSN, RN

2:15–3:30 pm  **BO52**  CME, CNE

**How You Can Move Beyond ASKing through Collaborative Learning**

Assisting cancer patients in smoking cessation is often a collaborative effort occurring in multiple steps. Attendees will learn about how the Beyond ASK project is successfully engaging accredited cancer programs in collaborative learning on a national scale.

*Moderator:* Timothy Mullett, MD, MBA, FACS  
*Speakers:* Timothy Mullett, MD, MBA, FACS; Jessica Burris, PhD; Graham Warren, MD, PhD

3:30–4:00 pm  **Networking Break**  

4:00–5:15 pm  **GS08**  CME, CNE

**General Session 8: Improving Improvement: Our Latest Discoveries**

Experts in this session will share the latest discoveries in QI, including common challenges, lessons learned in teaching improvement, and how to build a good improvement team.

*Moderator:* Lillian Kao, MD, MS, FACS  
*Speakers:* David Harrington, MD, FACS; Elizabeth Wick, MD, FACS; Elise Lawson, MD, MSHS, FACS

5:30–7:00 pm  **Quality Program Socials**  

Attendees are encouraged to join their fellow program colleagues for an evening of networking, refreshments, and appetizers. This event is an opportunity to meet peers who are working within the same quality program and network across quality programs.
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**L1, 101 AB**  
**The Role of Institutional Resilience in Mitigating Cancer Care Disruptions Due to Climate Driven Disasters**  
Climate change alters the frequency and behavior of extreme weather events making it harder for institutions to prepare and respond to increasingly unpredictable circumstances. Panelists in this session will discuss opportunities available for increasing institutional resilience through coordinated information sharing and research on climate mitigation, adaptation, and emergency preparedness efforts.  
**Moderator:** Leticia Nogueira, PhD, MPH  
**Speakers:** Leticia Nogueira, PhD, MPH; Hiram Gay, MD; John Balbus, MD, MPH

### 8:00–9:15 am

**BO58**  
**CME, CNE, CE**  
**L1, 101 DE**  
**Getting Synoptic Operative Reports into Your Program through Stakeholder Engagement**  
This session will highlight the power of multidisciplinary teams working together on embedding synoptic operative reports. Strategies for communication, barriers, challenges, and successes will be shared over the course of the QI process for implementation.  
**Moderator:** Mediget Teshome, MD  
**Speakers:** Mediget Teshome, MD; William Burns III, MD; Meeghan Lautner, MD, MSc, FACS; Nicole Lopez, MD; Paari Murugan, MD, FCAP

### 8:00–9:15 am

**BO59**  
**CME, CNE**  
**L2, 200 A-E**  
**Back to School Part 2: Unveiling the Method in the Madness of Statistics**  
This session will provide an in-depth (advanced) look at the statistical techniques used in NSQIP Adult, NSQIP Pediatric, and MBSAQIP, followed by an opportunity for discussion.  
**Moderator and Speaker:** Mark Cohen, PhD  
**Faculty:** Vanessa Thompson, PhD; Arielle Greico, MPH; Yaoming Liu, PhD

### 8:00–9:15 am

**BO60**  
**CME, CNE**  
**L2, 205 CD**  
**Surgical QI Programs in Low- and Middle-Income Countries: Challenges and Solutions**  
This session will discuss the challenges, barriers, and solutions to developing and maintaining surgical quality improvement programs in low- and middle-income countries. Speakers will provide advice on key elements, how to start, training needs, and the value of such programs in the local context.  
**Moderators:** Chris Dodgion, MD, MSPH, MBA, FCS (ECSA), FACS; Syed Nabeel Zafar, MD, MPH  
**Speakers:** Girma Tefera, MD, FACS; Kelly McQueen, MD, MPH, FASA; Jayant Sah, MS, MCh, FMAS; John Rose, MD; Belay Abebe, MD; Alicia Massenga, MD, FCS, FACS; Asad Latif, MD, MPH

### 9:15–9:45 am

**Networking Break**  
**L1, Ballroom AB**

### 9:45–11:00 am

**GS09**  
**CME, CNE**  
**L1, Auditorium Main**  
**General Session 9: The Importance of Good Data and Analytics in Quality**  
Data are essential to achieving quality. They provide key information for identifying opportunities for improvement. Often, data analytics might be confusing. However, this session will provide key strategies to better understand what the data are telling us—now and in the future. Meet three landmark thinkers and enjoy data like you never have before.  
**Moderator:** Bruce L. Hall, MD, PhD, MBA, FACS  
**Speakers:** Mark Cohen, PhD; Courtney Collins, MD, MS, FACS; Lillian Kao, MD, MS, FACS

### 11:00–11:30 am

**GS10**  
**CME, CNE**  
**L1, Auditorium Main**  
**General Session 10: Closing Remarks/Wrap-Up**  
Clifford Y. Ko, MD, MS, MSHS, FACS, FASCRS will provide closing remarks for the 2023 ACS Quality and Safety Conference.
Program Objectives
The ACS Quality and Safety Conference is designed for physicians and nurses. The learning objectives upon completion of this course are to:

- **PROVIDE** a professional forum to discuss and apply the most recent knowledge pertaining to national and local quality initiatives in the field of surgery
- **PRESENT** methods used to analyze ACS Quality Programs data and demonstrate practical ways to use the data for quality improvement
- **ASSIST** hospitals and providers in managing, analyzing, and interpreting data by providing education on proven methods that will empower hospitals and centers to make a positive impact at their facilities
- **ENHANCE** the learning experience by offering breakout sessions that educate attendees on the topic areas of their choice and with consideration of their level of programmatic experience

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Accreditation
The American College of Surgeons is accredited by the Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education (ACCME) to provide continuing medical education for physicians.

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- Of the 27.00 AMA PRA Category 1 Credits™ listed above, a maximum of **22.75** hours meet the requirements for **Patient Safety.**
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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 ACS Quality and Safety Conference has been approved to award a maximum of 27.00 Continuing Nursing Education (CNE) contact hours per attendee for the Conference. It is recommended that nurses contact their local nursing regulatory agency or nursing licensing board to determine whether the contact hours being awarded at the 2023 ACS Quality and Safety Conference will satisfy their local or state requirements for continuing education.

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Continuing Education (CE) Credit has been applied for through the National Cancer Registrars Association (NCRA). This activity was submitted to the National Cancer Registrars Association (NCRA) to offer Continuing Education (CE) Credits. The 2023 ACS Quality and Safety Conference has been awarded a maximum of 7.50 CE Credits per attendee.

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Welcome Reception
Monday, July 10 | 6:00–8:00 pm
Mill City Museum, 704 S 2nd St, Minneapolis, MN 55401

The 2023 ACS QSC Welcome Reception will take place at the Mill City Museum, a national historic landmark and once the largest flour mill in the world. Along with a relaxing atmosphere and networking with colleagues over food and beverages, conference attendees will be able to enjoy both the indoors and outdoors. Indoors, attendees may take a tour of the museum, learn about the 19th century flour mill machines, and see vintage advertising. Outdoors, attendees can take in the architecture and rustic atmosphere of the Ruin Courtyard. In addition, there is an observation deck where attendees can take in the panoramic views of the Mississippi River, Stone Arch Bridge, and the Mill Ruins Park. Complimentary shuttle transportation will be provided from the Minneapolis Convention Center to the reception and from the reception to the hotels. Attendees must register prior to attending the event.

Abstract Poster Reception and Networking Event
Tuesday, July 11 | 5:30–7:00 pm
Minneapolis Convention Center
Level 1, Ballroom AB

During the Abstract Poster Reception and Networking Event, attendees will view hundreds of abstract posters, interact with authors, and ask questions about their work. This dedicated time serves as a great networking opportunity. Attendees will be encouraged to vote for the best poster and by voting they will be automatically entered into a raffle. You may vote by using the QR code found on signs during the reception. The primary author of the poster with the most votes and the raffle winner will be announced during a general session.

Quality Program Socials
Wednesday, July 12 | 5:30–7:00 pm
Hilton Minneapolis
Minneapolis Grand Ballroom

Attendees are invited to join their fellow program colleagues for an evening of networking and fun. This event is an opportunity to meet fellow peers who are working within the same quality program and network across quality programs.

Note: Guests of attendees are welcome to attend all social events for an additional fee of $145.
Minneapolis Convention Center Maps

Level One

Lower Level
Hotels and Landmarks

HOTELS | Distance to Convention Center
1. Doubletree Suites by Hilton | 4 Blocks
2. Hilton Minneapolis | 2 Blocks
3. Hyatt Regency Minneapolis | 1 Block
4. Marriott City Center | 7 Blocks
5. Marquette Hotel | 5 Blocks
6. Millennium Hotel Minneapolis | 1 Block
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