

Improving Surgical Care—Everywhere

The ACS Quality Verification Program (QVP) provides a proven, standardized method for establishing, measuring, and improving your hospital-wide quality infrastructure. Participating in QVP standardizes care, cultivates a safety-first culture, and drives cost savings. With a foundation in more than 100 years of ACS quality expertise, QVP is designed to embed high reliability into daily surgical practice.



\$1,700

saved per admission
when hospitals adhere to
ACS quality standards¹

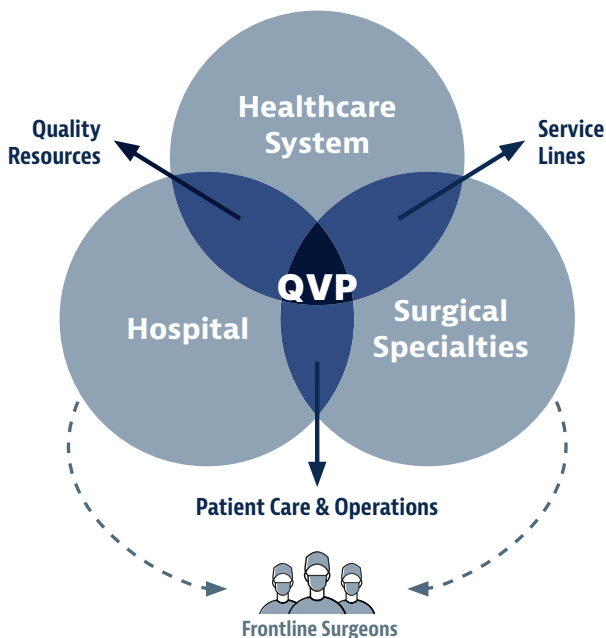
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same-day surgery cancellation rate
at New York-Presbyterian Hospital,
which went down from 6–8%
through QVP participation²

100%

participating hospitals reported
QVP had a positive impact
on care standardization³

Aligning people, processes and resources



QVP COST-SAVINGS AND EFFICIENCY

Hospitals verified through QVP are equipped to optimize surgical operations, reduce unwarranted variation, and lower system-wide costs. The QVP framework streamlines care delivery by aligning multidisciplinary teams under standardized practices—resulting in significant financial and operational gains.

QVP CULTURE

QVP establishes an enterprise-wide culture of quality, safety, and accountability that includes all stakeholders. Hospitals with mature safety cultures show 87% compliance with QVP standards—significantly higher than less-mature peers. QVP also formalizes the Surgical Quality Officer (SQO) role to ensure cross-departmental leadership. Hospitals with mature SQOs report fewer barriers to quality improvement—especially around resources and prioritization—resulting in more aligned safety cultures that drive sustained performance.

QVP SYSTEMWIDE QUALITY

QVP helps hospital systems align surgical quality efforts across all hospitals by standardizing infrastructure, leadership, and communication. QVP fosters bidirectional collaboration between system leadership, hospitals, and surgical teams—ensuring consistent quality mechanisms from the boardroom to the bedside. Through defined roles like the SQO and the Surgical Quality and Safety Committee, QVP enables alignment of care pathways, resource allocation, and quality metrics across service lines and institutions.

1. Becker's Healthcare

2. Mary Cassai, MPA, RN, NEA-BC

3. 61.5% very positive, 38.5% somewhat positive as of 3/18/2025

Surgical Quality Partner Designation

Hospitals that participate and are verified or accredited in the ACS QVP Program, or one of our other ACS Quality Programs, earn the distinction of ACS Surgical Quality Partner (SQP). ACS provides complimentary resources to Surgical Quality Partner hospitals to help them promote this status and their commitment to surgical quality, maximizing the value of the investment in ACS Quality Programs.



RESOURCES PROVIDED BY ACS AT NO COST:

- A physical Surgical Quality Partner (SQP) diamond plaque (additional plaques are available for purchase)
- An SQP marketing toolkit, including a digital QVP program diamond, web banners, social cards, news releases, and more
- Print-ready marketing materials, such as banners, wraps, wall clings, and brochures
- Video testimonials to promote ACS Quality Programs

Schedule a consultation with ACS and download the QVP standards at facs.org/qvp