Welcome to the 2013 American College of Surgeons National Surgical Quality Improvement Program (ACS NSQIP®) National Conference

This year we have planned a conference program offering clinical and quality improvement expertise, knowledgeable speakers, and sessions that focus on current issues in surgery and surgical quality improvement. In addition, we are proud to present keynote speaker Gerald B. Hickson, MD, who will present on the topic “The Influence of Culture on Surgical Quality Improvement.”

We look forward to seeing you in San Diego, CA, where you will be able to network and share ideas with colleagues with the goal of improving the care and outcomes of your surgical patients.

See you in San Diego!

Clifford Ko, MD, FACS
Director, ACS Division of Research and Optimal Patient Care

OBJECTIVES

- 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 the ACS NSQIP data and demonstrate practical ways to use that data for quality improvement.
- Help hospitals manage, analyze, and interpret ACS NSQIP data by providing education on proven methods that will enable hospitals to make a positive impact at their facility.
- Enhance the learning experience by offering breakout sessions to educate attendees on the topic area of their choice and by their level of ACS NSQIP experience.
KEYNOTE SPEAKER

Gerald B. Hickson, MD

Dr. Gerald B. Hickson is the Joseph C. Ross Chair of Medical Education and Administration, professor of pediatrics, and associate professor of family and health systems nursing at Vanderbilt University School of Medicine.

Dr. Hickson joined the faculty of the department of pediatrics in 1982 and served six years as vice-chair of the department and chief of pediatric outpatient services for the Vanderbilt Clinic. In 2003, he was appointed associate dean for clinical affairs and director of the Center for Patient and Professional Advocacy. In 2005, he was named director of clinical risk and loss prevention and chair of the Self-Insurance Trust Committee. Currently, Dr. Hickson holds the additional roles of assistant vice-chancellor for health affairs and associate dean for faculty affairs.

Since 1990, Dr. Hickson’s research has focused on why families choose to file suit, why certain physicians attract a disproportionate share of claims, and how to identify and intervene with high-risk physicians. His work has resulted in more than 150 peer-review articles and chapters as well as the development of the PARS® peer-review system and several educational initiatives to promote disclosure of medical errors and address behaviors that undermine a culture of safety.

Dr. Hickson currently serves as chair of the board of directors of the National Patient Safety Foundation (NPSF) and as chair of the Board of Professionals in Patient Safety (CBPPS). He served as chair of the Quality Care Committee for the National Association of Children’s Hospitals and Related Institutions (NACHRI) and was a member of the American Academy of Pediatrics’ Committee on Quality Improvement. Dr. Hickson received an award for excellence in research and teaching from the Ambulatory Pediatric Association, the National Healthcare Patient Advocacy award from the Society for Healthcare Consumer Advocacy, and the Vanguard Award for the Advancement of Patient Safety from the Doctor’s Company Foundation. In 2007, he was named Joseph C. Ross Chair of Medical Education and Administration.

Dr. Hickson received a bachelor’s of science degree from the University of Georgia and his medical degree from Tulane University School of Medicine. He completed his pediatric residency and a fellowship in general academic pediatrics at Vanderbilt Children’s Hospital in Nashville, TN.
2013 HOT TOPICS

- Top 10 List for Reducing Surgical Complications
- Application of Surgical Quality Improvement Techniques for Difficult Problems
- Efficiency and Resource Utilization within a System
- Introduction to the ACS NSQIP Online Reports
- Initiating Quality Improvement

**CONFERENCE AT A GLANCE**

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**PRECONFERENCE WORKSHOPS**

**Saturday, July 13; 8:00 am–12:00 noon**

- Preconference Workshops 1–6 have an additional cost of $79 per person
- Preconference Workshop 7 has an additional cost of $125 per person

**P1: Preconference Workshop 1—ACS NSQIP Pathway to Improvement (P2I)**

The P2I, a step-by-step process for planning and implementing quality improvements at the institutional level, combines aspects of change management, Lean, Six Sigma, and ACS NSQIP. This experiential mini-course will cover the basics behind the P2I and provide participants with a hands-on opportunity to apply these principles to a clinical case study.

This workshop is limited to 80 attendees.

**P2: Preconference Workshop 2—Developing a Successful Surgical Quality Improvement Program for ACS NSQIP Users**

This session will focus on how sites use ACS NSQIP data as an overall driver for improving quality and patient safety. Enrollees will participate in small work/discussion groups to share and gain insight into successfully developing a surgical quality improvement program. Topics to be addressed include: how to improve culture and promote teamwork within the surgical setting, how to engage leadership and surgeons in the surgical quality improvement process, and how to use and distribute ACS NSQIP data to effectively drive process improvement. The goal of this session is to identify best practices in these areas that can be used by the ACS NSQIP community at large.

This workshop is limited to 80 attendees.
PRECONFERENCE WORKSHOPS
(continued)

P3: Preconference Workshop 3—
ACS NSQIP Basics
This session will focus on giving new surgical clinical reviewers (SCRs) the knowledge and tools they need to succeed in their roles and make ACS NSQIP successful in their hospitals. ACS NSQIP Basics will focus on how to utilize real-time, online benchmarking reports and the risk-adjusted Semiannual Report (SAR) for quality improvement purposes. The session will also review other ACS NSQIP products, such as the Participant Use Data File (PUF), risk calculators, best practices guidelines, the return on investment (ROI) calculator, and case studies. Finally, the session will cover Workstation tips and tricks, data automation, and other tools that can make the SCR’s job easier. While the workshop is designed for new SCRs participating in the adult ACS NSQIP options, it is open to any conference attendee who would like to increase his or her knowledge of the program and its offerings.

Attendance is not limited for this workshop.

P4: Preconference Workshop 4—Surgical Quality Improvement Using a Comprehensive Unit-Based Safety Program (CUSP)
Learn how your organization can adopt a surgical CUSP. This session incorporates the latest science in a five-step program designed to change the perioperative workplace culture and in so doing bring about significant improvements in clinical outcomes and patient safety. The program is centered on empowering staff to assume responsibility for safety in their work environment through education, awareness, and access to organization resources and a toolkit of interventions. CUSP was used by more than 100 intensive care units in Michigan to virtually eradicate central-line-associated bloodstream infections. CUSP has been used in the perioperative setting to successfully reduce surgical site infections, improve compliance with quality measures, and facilitate teamwork and communication in the operating room. ACS NSQIP is leading a national effort to introduce CUSP in surgery with the goal of reducing surgical site infections and other preventable complications. Enrollment is underway and is open to all ACS NSQIP participating hospitals.

This workshop is limited to 80 attendees.

P5: Preconference Workshop 5—
Joint Commission and Six Sigma
In partnership with the American College of Surgeons, the Joint Commission Center for Transforming Healthcare (the Center) led a collaborative of seven leading hospitals with the goal of reducing surgical site infections (SSIs) following colorectal surgery. Preventing colorectal SSI is a complex issue with multiple variables specific to patients and patient populations, institutional factors, surgical practice, and process. Recognizing this complexity, participating hospitals used Lean Six Sigma and change management methods—collectively known as Robust Process Improvement or RPI—to understand why infections were occurring at their facilities and how to prevent them. Outcome measures were the observed rate of colorectal SSIs and the ACS NSQIP observed-to-expected (O/E) ratio for colorectal SSIs. Participants focused on improving the care received by colorectal surgical patients from preadmission to 30 days postsurgery. Project leaders from the Center and the Cleveland Clinic will present on the process and outcomes of the project. Additionally, the audience will be presented with specific surgical examples and cases that illustrate the importance of robust problem solving methods in combination with ACS NSQIP data in driving dramatic and sustainable improvement.

This workshop is limited to 80 attendees.

P6: Preconference Workshop 6—
Quality in Training Initiative (QITI): Integrating Quality Improvement into Graduate Surgical Education
The two-part QITI-sponsored workshop will focus on the integration of quality improvement with graduate surgical education. The target audience includes all residents, surgical chart reviewers, data analysts, and surgeons practicing in an academic setting. Participants will learn how to capture data and generate ACS NSQIP reports for resident education. For those already capable of generating basic reports, the workshop will include training in the production of reports enhanced with graphics. This experiential mini-course will cover the basics of resident reporting and education in quality improvement and provide participants with a hands-on opportunity to apply these principles to an educational case study. Participants should bring a laptop with Microsoft Office for optimal participation. To generate reports with graphics you will need to have Access and Excel, ideally version 2010.

This workshop is limited to 80 attendees.

P7: Preconference Workshop 7—
Using Excel and the Data Download Tool
The Clinical Support Team will provide a basic understanding of Excel functions and how to incorporate these skills when generating and analyzing data generated in the workstation’s Data Download Tool.

This workshop is limited to 40 attendees.

This workshop fee is $125 and includes the rental cost of a mandatory laptop.

*Please note this session will begin at 10:15 am.
GENERAL SESSIONS

The conference will open on Saturday afternoon with a lecture from ACS President Dr. Brent Eastman. Sunday’s sessions include talks on the ACS NSQIP online reports, statistics, and Part of reducing surgical complications. On Monday, Part II of reducing surgical complications will be covered, followed later in the day with separate general sessions for the Adult and Pediatric sites. Tuesday will open with a talk on efficiency and resource utilization within a system and conclude with the application of surgical quality improvement techniques for difficult problems.

CONCURRENT GENERAL SESSIONS

Monday, July 15, 1:45–3:30 pm
Attendees will have the choice of two General Sessions:

• G1: General Session 1—Initiating Quality Improvement
• G2: General Session 2—Pediatric Case Studies

BREAKOUT SESSIONS

Saturday, July 13, 3:15–5:15 pm

B01A: Breakout Session 1—SCR, Lessons Learned from the SCR Certification Exam and IRR Audits

The Clinical Support Team will review challenging variables and clinical scenarios as established by analysis of the SCR certification exam and Inter-Rater Reliability (IRR) audit results. The interactive question and answer session will present tips on abstracting challenging variables and will provide specific rationale for responses to challenging clinical scenarios.

B02A: Breakout Session 2—Pediatric SCR, Lessons Learned and Clinical Updates

This session is designed for SCRs participating in ACS NSQIP Pediatric. The session will begin with an introduction to what Peds SCRs can expect in the upcoming certification exam, go over what will be covered in site audits, and provide an overview of the SCR, Surgeon Champion, and Administrator toolkits and how they can be used by SCRs to help increase their knowledge of the program and improve workflow and dissemination of results. A discussion of the new format for data definitions will follow; which will focus on challenging definitions and how the new format allows SCRs to more easily apply variable definitions to their abstracted cases. This session will also include a review of the public comments that were received in early 2013 regarding the blood transfusion variable and how these comments are being utilized by the ACS NSQIP Pediatric committees. Finally, there will be a Q&A panel discussion to answer attendee questions regarding the content shared in this session.

Monday, July 15, 10:15 am–12:15 pm

B03A: Breakout Session 3—Surgeon Champion and Quality Improvement Administrator

This session will provide practical information on how to implement ACS NSQIP in your institution. Talks will include “Getting Started” and “Leading Change.” Other topics to be discussed are deciphering the reports, colorectal SSI, and the Multispecialty Participation Option.

B04A: Breakout Session 4—Researcher, Conducting Inquiries Using the ACS NSQIP Participant Use Data File (PUF)

This session will provide researchers with an understanding of the structure and use of the PUF for conducting clinical studies involving surgery and surgical outcomes. ACS NSQIP staff will detail the structure of annual PUF files, who is eligible to access them, and how they are requested. There will be some discussion of new PUF files for vascular-specific (vascular targeted) variables and for pediatric patients. Also discussed will be what types of clinical questions can and cannot be addressed by the PUF and how the PUF differs from the Semiannual Report (SAR) dataset. Several investigators will give first-hand accounts of their experiences in using the PUF to answer their clinical research questions.

Monday, July 15, 10:15 am–12:15 pm

B01B: Breakout Session 1—Pediatric Pilots

The Pediatric Pilot session will allow the leaders of all three ACS NSQIP Pediatric pilot projects (ENT, Appendectomy, and Orthopaedic) to discuss important findings uncovered by the pilot and the future directions each project will take. Each project leader will also discuss the challenges faced with the pilot, from data collection to data analysis, and how sites can participate in the pilots and use the information abstracted to improve outcomes and guide future program development. There will be a Q&A panel discussion to answer attendee questions regarding the content shared in this session.

B02B: Breakout Session 2—Quality in Training Initiative (QITI): Integrating Quality Improvement Education into the Existing Educational Framework

This session will focus on effective strategies to incorporate mandated quality improvement (QI) education into existing educational activities. It will highlight three targets for the easy integration of QI education that will keep your residents engaged. Using these techniques, the surgical educator will improve compliance with new Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education (ACGME) requirements in QI and begin the documentation process for the New Accreditation System (NAS)—Milestones. The session will be of greatest use to individuals involved with academic medical centers.
B03B: Breakout Session 3—Geriatric Surgery
This session will address how to improve the care for the elderly patient undergoing surgery. Various experts will speak on popular geriatric topics such as prehabilitation, preoperative assessment guidelines, and postoperative care. The talks will conclude with a Q&A panel discussion.

B04B: Breakout Session 4—The Joint Commission and Cleveland Clinic
Panelists will describe how their organizations have used Robust Process Improvement methods such as Lean Six Sigma and change management to successfully address complex, persistent patient safety problems like surgical site infections. The interactive Q&A session will focus on change management and data collection challenges, the process for solution development, and the importance of ACS NSQIP data in driving dramatic and sustainable improvement.

B05B: Breakout Session 5—Current Issues with Rectal Surgery
This session is intended for participants who want to improve their performance of proctectomy surgery, increase efficiency, reduce complications, and learn the latest techniques.

B06B: Breakout Session 6—ACS NSQIP Collaborative Updates
Collaboratives are groups of ACS NSQIP participating hospitals that come together to discuss best practices, quality improvement initiatives, and/or compare their surgical outcomes in a positive learning environment. The purpose of this session is to provide an update on each of the following collaboratives: the Surgical Quality Action Network (SQAN) of British Columbia, the Tennessee Surgical Quality Collaborative (TSQC), the Florida Surgical Care Initiative (FSCI), the Kaiser Permanente Northern California Collaborative, and the Department of Defense (DOD) Collaborative. During this session, attendees will gain a deeper understanding of what a collaborative is, how one is formed, and will also have an opportunity ask questions.

B07B: Breakout Session 7—Safety
This session will cover a variety of safety-related topics, including building a culture of safety, operating room fires, wrong site surgery, and retained surgical instruments. The session will conclude with a Q&A panel.

B08B: Breakout Session 8—Targeted Procedure and Disease
This session will cover a broad array of topics, including updates on the Pancreatectomy Demonstration Project and work being conducted by the Oncology ACS NSQIP National Cancer Institute Consortium. There will also be in-depth presentations on liver variables and vascular outcomes. This session will conclude with a Q&A with the entire panel.

B09B: Breakout Session 9—Bariatric
Covered in this session will be protocols and practical tools for providing optimal care for bariatric surgical patients. There will also be discussion centered on the evaluation of quality in a bariatric surgery general accreditation program.

ABSTRACT SESSIONS

Sunday, July 14, 2:00–3:00 pm
Abstract Session 1: Education
Abstract Session 2: Pediatric Surgery I*  
Abstract Session 3: Surgical Complications I*  
Abstract Session 4: Quality Improvement Stories I*  
Abstract Session 5: Thoracic Surgery  
Abstract Session 6: Surgical Oncology  
Abstract Session 7: Vascular Surgery  
Abstract Session 8: ACS NSQIP Collaboratives  
Abstract Session 9: Surgical Quality Potpourri  
Abstract Session 10: Surgical Site Infection (SSI)  
Abstract Session 11: Readmissions  
Abstract Session 12: ACS NSQIP Data Methods

Monday, July 15, 4:00–5:00 pm
Abstract Session 1: Venous Thromboembolism (VTE)  
Abstract Session 2: Pediatric Surgery II*  
Abstract Session 3: Surgical Complications II*  
Abstract Session 4: Quality Improvement Stories II*  
Abstract Session 5: Pancreatic Surgery  
Abstract Session 6: Minimally Invasive Surgery  
Abstract Session 7: Applied Health Services Research  
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Abstract Session 9: General Surgery  
Abstract Session 10: Urinary Tract Infection (UTI)  
Abstract Session 11: Regulatory Quality Improvement  
Abstract Session 12: Risk Factors

*These sessions contain different content.

ASK THE EXPERT SESSIONS

In an effort to continuously improve the content and experience at the conference, ACS NSQIP is piloting a new program this year. The “Ask the Expert” sessions are an opportunity to meet with leading authorities on various topics. The smaller group setting is intended to provide an environment conducive to a rich exchange of questions, answers, and ideas. While not everyone will be able to attend these sessions, response to this new offering will be evaluated and the program will be adjusted accordingly at next year’s conference.

Space is extremely limited for the Ask the Expert Sessions. Seating is on a first come, first served basis.

Saturday, July 13, 3:15–4:15 pm
AEI: Joseph A. Caprini, MD, FACS
Dr. Caprini is an expert on and the treatment of venous thromboembolism and venous insufficiency and has authored or co-authored more than 365 articles, book chapters, and abstracts and has presented more than 1,485 lectures and 90 exhibits on these topics and related studies.

AE2: Oscar D. Guillamondegui, MD, FACS
Dr. Guillamondegui is involved with The Tennessee Surgical Quality Consortium and has recently published a study on the cost savings associated with decreased postoperative morbidities. He also focuses on advances in soft-tissue infection management and behavior management of surgeons.
The enthusiasm of the attendees and speakers was inspiring.

Well organized—great variety of topics and speakers.

AE3: Joe H. Patton, MD, FACS, and Jennifer Ritz, RN, BSN
Dr. Patton and Ms. Ritz are renowned for their work at Henry Ford Hospital in creating collaborative approaches to surgical services and are experts on building quality improvement teams.

AE4: J. Michael Henderson, MB, ChB, FACS
Dr. Henderson is chief quality officer at the Cleveland Clinic. He is a hepatopancreato-biliary (HPB) surgeon who has developed a major interest in quality, patient safety, and outcomes over the past decade.

Saturday, July 13, 4:15–5:15 pm

AE5: Martin A. Makary, MD, MPH, FACS; Elizabeth C. Wick, MD, FACS; and Deborah B. Hobson, RN, BSN
Dr. Makary, Dr. Wick, and Ms. Hobson are the leaders and pioneers in establishing surgery-based CUSP intervention. They will speak to their current project focused on decreasing SSIs in colorectal surgery patients. Dr. Makary specializes in advanced laparoscopy, pancreas surgery, gastro-intestinal tumors, and special issues of elderly patients. He is also a frequent contributor to CNN. Dr. Wick is a colorectal surgeon who specializes in inflammatory bowel disease, colorectal cancer, diverticulitis, and anorectal disorders. Ms. Hobson is an intensive care unit (ICU) nurse, surgical coordinator, and patient safety clinical specialist with a focus on SSI and VTE prevention.

AE6: Leigh A. Neumayer, MD, FACS
Dr. Neumayer is an expert in clinical trial design and implementation. She is a formally trained clinical trialist and was the principal investigator for the world’s largest randomized trial comparing inguinal hernia repair techniques. Dr. Neumayer is also a leader in the treatment of breast cancer and is passionate about patient education.

AE7: E. Patchen Dellinger, MD, FACS
Dr. Dellinger is a leading authority on the prevention of surgical site infections. He has authored both standards and practice guidelines in this area and has been part of groundbreaking research and clinical trials.

AE8: Amy L. Halverson, MD, FACS
Dr. Halverson is a leader in the area of quality improvement for rural surgeons. She was instrumental in the development of the College’s postgraduate course in this area. Dr. Halverson’s clinical expertise includes a focus on anal incontinence and studying the effects of cancer treatments.

Monday, July 15, 10:15–11:15 am

AE9: Nestor F. Esnaola, MD, MPH, MBA, FACS
Dr. Esnaola is an expert in the area of hepatocellular carcinoma treatment. Additionally, he has a particular interest in disparities in surgical cancer care, a topic in which he has conducted funded research and published multiple papers and studies.

AE10: John M. Morton, MD, FACS
Dr. Morton is associate professor of surgery at Stanford University, chief of minimally invasive surgery, and director of bariatric surgery and surgical quality. As director of surgical quality, Dr. Morton led efforts to improve the department of surgery’s University Health Consortium’s annual ranking from 24/98 to 1/98 and their ACS NSQIP mortality ranking from Average to Exemplary. He currently serves on the National Quality Forum’s Surgical Steering Committee.

Monday, July 15, 11:15 am–12:15 pm

AE11: Martha J. Antal, RN, BSN, CCRC, and Nancy Anzlovar, RN, BSN
Ms. Antal is the Surgical Clinical Reviewer at Saint Louis University. She has been involved with ACS NSQIP since the “Patient Safety in Surgery” Beta Study, joining the original 14 sites determining the feasibility of implementing the VA NSQIP in the private sector. She has been collecting and presenting ACS NSQIP data at Morbidity & Mortality conferences and multiple hospital venues since 2002.

Ms. Anzlovar is the program manager for ACS NSQIP at the Cleveland Clinic. She successfully implemented ACS NSQIP at her site in 2005 and was instrumental in its expansion into the ACS bariatric and pediatric programs. Her collaboration with the hospital’s information technology group led to the development and execution of an automated process for ACS NSQIP by leveraging the hospital’s Electronic Medical Record.

Both Ms. Antal and Ms. Anzlovar are members of the SCR Advisory Committee.

AE12: Seth A. Gregory, MSN, RN, and Cindy B. Katz MPH, MN, RN, CEN
Mr. Gregory has served as a Surgical Clinical Reviewer for ACS NSQIP Pediatric at Dell Children’s Medical Center of Central Texas since 2011 and is an integral member of the clinical quality and patient safety department. He also is an adjunct professor at Concordia University where he designed and teaches communication and collaboration in multidisciplinary teams.

Ms. Katz is a Surgical Clinical Reviewer and quality and safety manager at Seattle Children’s Hospital (SCH). She implemented the ACS NSQIP at SCH in 2011. She has extensive experience in emergency and flight nursing, improving safety systems, and military operations and training. She currently serves as a Colonel in the U.S. Army Reserves. Ms. Katz has been on the Pediatric SCR Advisory Committee since its inception in 2011 and presented a Quality Improvement session to the Surgeon Champions at the 2012 ACS NSQIP conference. She is dedicated to seeking opportunities to improve outcomes through participation in ACS NSQIP.

Both Mr. Gregory and Ms. Katz are members of the Pediatric SCR Advisory Committee.
The American College of Surgeons (ACS) is accredited by the Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education (ACCME) to provide continuing medical education for physicians.

The American College of Surgeons designates this live activity for a maximum of 24 AMA PRA Category 1 Credits™. Physicians should only claim credit commensurate with the extent of their participation in the activity.

Of the AMA PRA Category 1 Credits™ listed above, a maximum of 12.5 credits meet the requirements for Self-Assessment.

This activity has been submitted to the Rhode Island State Nurses Association for approval to award contact hours. The Rhode Island State Nurses Association is accredited as an approver of continuing nursing education by the American Nurses Credentialing Center’s Commission on Accreditation.

Contact the ACS NSQIP Clinical Support Team at clinicalsupport@acsnsqip.org for more information.

Conference presentation slides will be provided after the conference. Attendees will receive notification on how to access them when they are made available.

Space is limited this year. Conference registration will be on a first-come, first-served basis and is guaranteed to the first 1,200 participants. All attendees will be charged an administrative fee of $125. Session fees will be waived for the first two (2) employees of each site enrolled in the following ACS programs: ACS NSQIP, Pediatric, and FSCI. All other attendees will be charged a $425 conference fee in addition to the administrative fee, for a total of $550. Please note that there is a $75 fee for participants bringing a guest to the Saturday, July 13, 2013, welcome reception. Attendees are not officially registered for the conference until registration and payment have been received.

Welcome Reception
Saturday, July 13, 2013
6:00–8:00 pm
Sapphire Terrace
Hilton San Diego Bayfront

Join your ACS NSQIP colleagues at the welcome reception on Saturday evening from 6:00 to 8:00 pm on the Sapphire Terrace overlooking the beautiful San Diego Bay. Enjoy inspired cuisine with renowned service from the Hilton San Diego Bayfront's culinary team led by Chef Patrick Dahms.

Spouses/guests are welcome to attend for an additional fee of $75.

SCR Meet and Greet
Sunday, July 14, 2013
5:15–7:00 pm
Promenade Plaza
Hilton San Diego Bayfront

Join the ACS NSQIP Clinical Team, SCR Advisory Committee, and other Surgical Clinical Reviewers for networking and refreshments. Prizes will be raffled and all SCRs are encouraged to attend.

Social Outing: Trip to the USS Midway
Monday, July 15, 2013
6:00–10:00 pm

Experience life at sea aboard one of America’s longest-serving aircraft carriers, and walk in the footsteps of the 225,000 Midway sailors who lived and worked on the ship. The USS Midway saw action in the Vietnam War, was the Persian Gulf flagship in the 1991 Operation Desert Storm, and served for an unprecedented 47 years. Docents will lead private 15 to 20 minute tours for ACS NSQIP attendees between 7:00 and 9:00 pm for groups of 15 to 20 people.

Attendees will also enjoy delicious cuisine from a top San Diego caterer, starting with a reception and concluding with a dinner buffet, dessert, and coffee station.

This is a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to enjoy one of the most spectacular tourist attractions in San Diego in a private setting. Socialize with colleagues while exploring one of the most famous military aircraft carriers in the world!

Attendance fee: $130

Please register in one of the following ways:

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Fax: 312-202-5003
Mail: American College of Surgeons
Attn: Registration Services
633 N. Saint Clair St.
Chicago, IL 60611
CANCELLATION POLICY
All conference participants must notify Registration Services via e-mail at registration@facs.org to cancel their registration. The ACS NSQIP administrative fee of $125 is nonrefundable for all attendees. Attendees whose conference payment exceeds the $125 administrative fee will be issued a full refund of their remaining fee balance if registration cancellation is received by Wednesday, July 3, 2013. Attendees who cancel after this deadline will not be issued a refund.

HOTEL INFORMATION
Rising 30 stories above San Diego Bay, the Hilton San Diego Bayfront is a spirited blend of San Diego’s coastal influences, style, innovation, and the city’s unmistakable vibe. No other San Diego hotel can compare to its elegance and sophistication. Steps from downtown’s Gaslamp Quarter and PETCO Park and minutes from the San Diego Airport, this beautiful hotel offers the finest amenities. The Hilton San Diego Bayfront has San Diego’s first and only saltwater hotel pool, located directly alongside San Diego Bay, and a 4.3-acre park and waterfront promenade with a lush variety of trees and plants.

ACCOMMODATIONS AND MEETING LOCATION
Hilton San Diego Bayfront
1 Park Blvd.
San Diego, CA 92101
Phone: 619-564-3333
Fax: 619-564-3344
A block of rooms has been reserved at the hotel for Friday, July 12 through Tuesday, July 16, 2013. The special group rate for ACS NSQIP conference attendees is $229 plus tax (currently 12.50%) and will be available until 12:00 midnight on Thursday, June 20, 2013, or until the room block is sold out, whichever comes first.

Reservations can be made by calling the Hilton San Diego Bayfront reservation line at 1-800-774-1500 or through a link on the ACS NSQIP website at acsnsqipconference.org.

Full payment for the first night’s room and tax is due when making a reservation. An individual’s deposit is refundable if the hotel receives notice of cancellation at least 72 hours prior to scheduled arrival and a cancellation number is obtained. In the event that a guest who has reserved a room within the meeting block checks out prior to the scheduled checkout date, the guest is subject to an early departure fee of one night’s room and tax. Guests wishing to avoid this fee must advise the hotel prior to check-in of any changes.

HOTEL CHANGES AND CANCELLATIONS
Changes to and/or cancellation of a hotel reservation should be made directly with the Hilton San Diego Bayfront Hotel.

SPECIAL ASSISTANCE
If, due to a disability, you will require any special accommodations while in attendance at this meeting, or you have any special restrictions, please let us know by contacting Karla Stuecker, Senior Meeting Planner, 312-202-5353, kstuecker@facs.org.

TRAVEL
AIR TRANSPORTATION
Attendees are responsible for booking their own flights. ACS NSQIP has arranged special meeting discounts on American Airlines. These special discounts are available by booking with American Airlines directly (independently or through a travel agent). Be sure to indicate the name of the meeting to which you will be traveling, and refer to the ACS NSQIP Authorization Number to obtain special fares.
American Airlines: 800-433-1790
7:00 am–12:00 midnight, CST
Authorization Number: A5773BS
(When booking online, enter without the preceding ‘A’)

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AWD Number: B169699
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