

# IMPLEMENTING AN SSI PREVENTION PROGRAM:

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A panel of healthcare professionals will discuss implementation and surveillance strategies that may optimize the reduction of SSI. Attendees will better understand how to utilize SSI surveillance data to promote a safety culture invested in process improvement and sustainability. This interactive symposium will review how to successfully implement a quality improvement program in your facility.

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## SCHEDULE

### INTRODUCTION

Joe Sharma, MD, FACS

### ENGAGE YOUR TEAM: IT TAKES A VILLAGE

John W. Cromwell, MD

### DIG INTO YOUR DATA: SURVEILLANCE IS A GOOD THING!

Mary E. Belding-Schmitt, RN, BSN, CPHQ

### IMPLEMENTING AT YOUR HOSPITAL: MISSION POSSIBLE THE MISSION HOSPITAL GRIP<sup>SM</sup> EXPERIENCE

Stephanie Salgado, RN, MSN, CPAN

### INTERACTIVE WORKSHOP

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#### **Mary E. Belding-Schmitt, RN, BSN, CPHQ**

NSQIP Nurse Coordinator, University of Iowa Hospitals and Clinics

Mary Belding-Schmitt is the NSQIP (National Surgical Quality Improvement Program) nurse coordinator at the University of Iowa Hospitals and Clinics in Iowa City, IA. She has been a registered nurse for over 30 years and has been in her surgical quality role for over 10 years. She has participated in and provided data analysis for successful initiatives in the reduction of colorectal SSI and general surgery UTI. Mary received her BSN from Coe College and a computer science certificate with a database focus from Loyola University. She is a Certified Professional in Healthcare Quality (CPHQ).



## **John W. Cromwell, MD**

**Associate Chief Medical Officer and Director of Surgical Quality and Safety,  
University of Iowa Hospitals and Clinics**

John W. Cromwell, MD is Clinical Associate Professor of Surgery at the University of Iowa where he serves as the Associate Chief Medical Officer, Director of Surgical Quality and Safety, Director of the Division of Gastrointestinal, Minimally-Invasive and Bariatric Surgery, and faculty in the Interdisciplinary Graduate Program in Health Informatics. He is also the Chief Medical Officer of Entac Medical Inc. and a co-founder of Predelix Medical, both medical device startup companies developing wearable technology for predicting postoperative complications. Dr. Cromwell received his BS in Chemistry from Nebraska Wesleyan University and his MD from the University of Minnesota Medical School. He was trained in the implementation of patient safety programs at the Armstrong Institute at Johns Hopkins University. As an early adopter of bundled care for the reduction of surgical site infections, he led an initiative that reduced these infections by over 70% at the University of Iowa Hospitals and Clinics. His group now uses an intensive data-driven process, including machine learning and advanced analytics, to sustain and improve upon these results.

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## **Stephanie Salgado, RN, MSN, CPAN**

**Nurse Manager, Recovery Services, Endoscopy Lab, Outpatient Testing Center, Mission Hospital**

Stephanie has been a registered nurse for 20 years. She has worked in the post anesthesia care unit at Mission Hospital since 1998, serving in a formal leadership role for the last eight years. Stephanie has earned two Bachelor of Science degrees in Psychology and Biology from the University of California, Irvine. Stephanie received her BSN from Loma Linda University and her MSN from California State University, Fullerton. Stephanie is an organizer and clinical champion for Access OC, a non-profit organization which provides free surgeries to vulnerable and underserved populations in its surrounding communities. She most recently championed the successful implementation of Guidance for SSI Reduction and Infection Prevention (GRIP<sup>SM</sup>), a five-phase program aimed at reducing SSI and enhancing internal processes, in her orthopaedic and colorectal departments.

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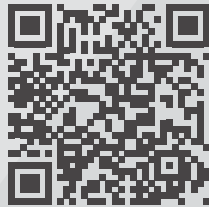
## **Joe Sharma, MD, FACS**

**Associate Professor of Surgery (Endocrine), NSQIP Surgical Champion, Emory University  
School of Medicine  
Consultant Medical Officer, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention**

Dr. Sharma received his MD at the University of Alabama School of Medicine in 2000 and completed his general surgery residency and endocrine surgery fellowship at Emory in 2005 and 2006, respectively. He is heavily involved in the Department of Surgery's quality and safety efforts, particularly as chair of the Wound Infection Group (WIG), which formed with a mandate to reduce surgical site infections (SSI) at Emory hospitals. SSI are one of the more common healthcare-associated infections. The multidisciplinary group's agenda involves all aspects of patient care, from preoperative visits and perioperative counseling to intraoperative issues and post-op care. WIG collects outcomes data, feeds it into the ACS NSQIP database, and extracts areas from the results that need improvement. Through its various initiatives, one of which was the "Come Clean: Stop Surgical Infections Before They Start" iPad app for patients, WIG has lowered the incidence of surgical site infections at Emory hospitals. Dr. Sharma is also a frequent faculty participant in Emory Medishare's summer surgical trips to L'Hôpital Sainte-Thérèse de Hinche in Haiti's Central Plateau, the poorest and most medically underserved region in all of Haiti.

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