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Nebraska Hospitals Make Significant Improvements in Surgical Care Through Participation in the Nebraska Surgical Care Improvement Project Collaborative

Lincoln, Neb. - The Nebraska Surgical Care Improvement Project (SCIP) Collaborative concluded with an Outcomes Congress on Tuesday, March 6, 2007. Twelve hospitals participated in the yearlong project, which addressed surgical infection prevention and additional measures, including glucose control for cardiac surgical patients, normothermia for colon resection patients and appropriate hair removal.

Participating teams attended three learning sessions and a final Outcomes Congress. Several hospitals presented their work during the learning sessions. Topics included glucose management of cardiac surgical patients, maintaining normothermia and DVT prophylaxis. Numerous tools were developed and shared by participating teams. Storyboards were used at each session to showcase progress and successes achieved at each of the hospitals. Team members had the opportunity to work together on their processes at each learning session and reported on progress to the other teams for sharing and learning.

“These initiatives are a great opportunity for a select group of hospitals to continue to build upon their successes and implement new processes to improve the care provided to patients. Each hospital that participated in this process is to be congratulated for their deep commitment to continually improve the quality of care provided to their patients,” said Greg Schieke, Senior Vice President of CIMRO of Nebraska. Participating hospitals made significant changes and improvements to their systems that resulted in improved care for their surgical patients.

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