Patient safety remains a top priority for Ontario’s hospitals, and, once again, Ontario is leading the way for patient safety improvements. One priority identified by the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care (MOHLTC) is the improvement of surgical safety by the implementation of a surgical safety checklist in hospital operating rooms. The use of a surgical safety checklist has been shown to improve delivery of evidence-based standards of care, decrease complications and post-surgical infections, and save lives.

Internationally, through the Safe Surgery Saves Lives challenge, the World Health Organization (WHO) is aiming to improve the safety of surgical care around the world by ensuring adherence to proven standards of care through the implementation of a surgical safety checklist. The results of this highly publicized study is noted in the New England Journal of Medicine and called "A surgical safety checklist to reduce morbidity and mortality in a global population". It revealed a reduction in complications by 30 percent, after the introduction of the checklist.

Taken into a Canadian context, with over 2 million operations being performed annually, this translates into the avoidance of approximately 60,000 patient complications. The Canadian Patient Safety Institute (CPSI) is leading the national campaign and has developed a Canadian version of the checklist.

The CPSI, MOHLTC, and OHA are working collaboratively to pull together provincial, national, and global experts to share background about the surgical safety checklist and how it can make a difference in your operating room, for your patients. Attend this very important videoconference to learn more about the surgical safety checklist and understand how your hospital may begin the process of implementing the surgical safety checklist.
REGISTRATION FORM

Agenda:
7:00AM - Introductory Remarks (Tom Closson)
7:05AM - Update from the MOH LTC (Dr. Michael Baker)
7:20AM - Background on CPSI Surgical Checklist (Dr. Bryce Taylor, Dr. Chris Hayes)
7:50AM - One Hospital’s experience of Implementing the Checklist (Dr. Rajiv Gupta)
8:15AM - Background on the WHO Initiative (Dr. Bill Berry)
8:35AM - Question and Answer Period

This event will be available by videoconference through the Ontario TeleMedicine Network. Please note that this event will be archived and available for viewing as of **Thursday, November 5, 2009** from the OHA Distance Learning Archive page.

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If you are not an NCompass user, there are two steps to register your site. Begin by contacting your Telemedicine Coordinator for the availability of your Videoconferencing Studio and make the necessary arrangements. The next step is to register using NCompass by **Thursday, October 29, 2009. In order to receive any hand-out materials, you must provide an email address.**

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For more registration information, please call (416) 205-1355 or e-mail dwolff@oha.com

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