Foreword

Improving Perioperative Care: What Are the Tools That Lead to Sustainable Change?

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The future of anesthesiology lies in our specialty's engagement in improving all aspects of perioperative care for the patient. While some have advocated the concept of the Perioperative Surgical Home, others have focused on perioperative medicine. The hallmark of either concept is change management and the ability to make the process culturally sensitive and that they "stick." Quality improvement is a formal approach to the analysis of performance and systematic efforts to improve it. Implementation Science is the study of methods to promote the integration of research findings and evidence into health care policy and practice. Together, they offer us the tools to provide high-quality care in a local environment.

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