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Hello PSQC members! We are the co-leads on the second project for the PSQC: post-op CT scan reduction in complicated appendicitis cases. As with our first project, we are aware of the long-term effect excess ionizing radiation has in pediatric patients. We will also be examining the correlation with OSI/SSI detection and CT scans.

We will be reaching out soon to ask for volunteers to serve on our workgroup for this project. We anticipate the project will proceed in much the same way that our first project did; making use of qualitative interviews, coding the responses, examining the literature and providing guidance on how to change practice with an implementation guide. The workgroup will be relatively small (no more than 7 members in addition to the coleads) to ensure each member is able to participate in a meaningful way.

We look forward to working with you and learning from you. We hope to be able to share our findings with all of the PSQC by August. If you have an interest in volunteering for this group, please reach out to Terry. If this project is not your cup of tea, there will be other opportunities on future projects. You can email Terry at terry.fisher@uth.tmc.edu anytime with comments.



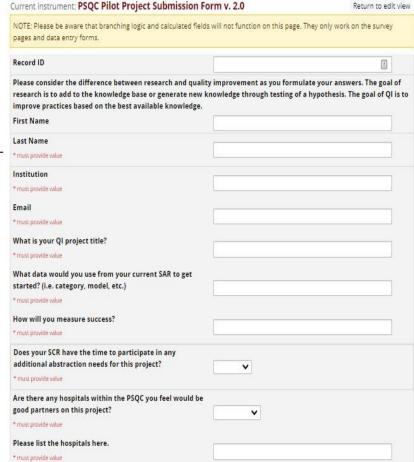


PSQC Pilot Project Launch!

As we have mentioned, the PSQC is now soliciting Pilot Project suggestions from any of our members. We have set-up the project submission template in RedCAP for ease of tracking. The submission process will work as follows:

 Members with a project idea will submit it using RedCAP. The link to the submission form is here.

- 2) A subgroup of the PSQC Project Development and Implementation Committee (PDIC) will review submissions once per month.
- Submissions will be evaluated using the following criteria:
 - A. Feasibility-20 points
 - B. Level of evidence-10 points
 - C. Importance to pediatric surgery community— 10 points
 - D. Outcome improvement 20 points
 - E. Generalizability—20 points
- Submissions scoring 60 points or more will be reviewed by the entire PDIC at its next occurring meeting
- Projects deemed appropriate to pursue will be presented to the PSQC Executive Committee (EC) at its next occurring meeting
- The EC will make a final decision on which projects to support
- 7) All project submitters will be notified of their project submission status
- 8) Project s selected for support will receive coordinating support by the PSQC Program Manager



We are very excited to hear from you. Remember-these project ideas are not contingent on currently available NSQIP data. You should, however, consider what data is currently available in your EMR for ease of abstraction and your available resources such as your SCR. We welcome collaborative submissions from two or more hospitals where you have coordinated some resource pooling to make your project viable.

There are no limits on the number of submissions in any time frame from a single entity or frequency of submissions. If you have any questions, please reach out to Terry at terry. Fisher@uth.tmc.edu.