



**Surgical Collaborative of Wisconsin  
FAQ: Quality Initiative Engagement**

**Who can be involved in SCW?**

All Wisconsin-based surgeons and the institutions where those surgeons practice can be involved in SCW.

**Is there a fee to be a member of SCW or to be involved in an SCW Quality Initiative?**

There is no fee to the surgeon or the institution to be involved in SCW.

**Do I need to inform my institution that I would like to be involved in an SCW Initiative?**

A surgeon who is interested in being involved in a SCW quality initiative must have the support of the institution(s) where s/he performs surgery. These institutions are required to sign a Participating Hospital/Facility Agreement, available on the SCW website [here](#). Performance reports will only be distributed to surgeons and institutions who have a signed agreement on file.

**Does my institution need to obtain IRB or HIPAA approval to be involved in an SCW initiative?**

No. SCW initiatives are quality-improvement focused and, as such, are not required to receive IRB approval.

**What data will be included on the benchmarked performance reports that go directly to the surgeons?**

SCW surgeon-level reports will include surgeon-specific rates and state-level benchmarked rates.

**What data will be included on the benchmarked performance reports that go directly to the institution?**

SCW facility-level reports will include risk- and reliability-adjusted facility-level rates, benchmarked against state-level rates. Facility reports will be provided to facilities with a minimum threshold of 10 procedures within each reporting period. Facilities will have access to their report only.

**Whom will you share the surgeon-level data with?**

When available, surgeon-level data will only be shared with the individual surgeon. However, SCW will be starting with facility-level performance reports.

**Whom should I contact if I have additional questions?**

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