



Pediatric Surgical Care

The Problem

- Many operations on children are performed in community hospitals by general surgeons, who may not have ready access or exposure to changing guidelines for care of the pediatric population.
- For operations to be safely performed on children by community general surgeons, guidelines and best practices for the surgical care of children should be readily accessible.

How will SCW help?

- Work with pediatric surgeons from Children's Hospital of Wisconsin and American Family Children's Hospital to communicate changes in national practice guidelines and best practices
- Provide pediatric specialist support for general surgeons who care for healthy children requiring straightforward operations in their home communities
- Offer teleconferences to engage surgeons in collaborative learning opportunities with free CME, focused on current guidelines and best practices of children's surgical care
- Leverage community relationships already established by SCW to engage surgeons to participate in these collaborative learning programs

What initial topics will be covered?

- Umbilical hernia
 - Timing of operation
 - Minimizing opioid prescriptions
 - Surgical technique, including the contra-indication to using mesh
- Appendicitis
 - Utilization of ultrasound as primary modality for diagnosis
 - Perioperative antibiotics
 - Minimizing opioid prescriptions
- Suggested new topics and guidance from all SCW members are welcome at any time

What is required for participation?

- Any surgeon in Wisconsin is invited to participate in teleconferences