

The Strong for Surgery newsletter offers program and project updates and developments to our partners and collaborators.

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OUTLOOK

Building on a Legacy: Strong for Surgery Adopted by ACS



For more than a century, the [American College of Surgeons](#) (ACS) has set the highest standards in surgical education and practice across the United States. For that reason, we are delighted to

announce that Strong for Surgery will be adopted by the ACS, giving the program an opportunity to grow and gain exposure on a national stage. This exciting news was announced by CERTAIN Medical Director Dr. David Flum at the 2015 [ACS Clinical Congress](#). We'll share updates about this partnership through this newsletter, [Twitter](#), and [Facebook](#). Follow us for more great things to come!

The Nutrition Checklist & Surgical Outcomes



This summer we began a study designed to examine the impact of the Strong for Surgery [Nutrition Checklist](#) on surgical outcomes. To do this, we're looking at two Washington State hospital datasets to find out how use of the checklist has influenced how well patients do after surgery. Learn more in our recent [blog post](#).

In The News

AHRQ Issue Brief: [Harnessing the Power of Data](#). Featuring Dr. David Flum and his work with surgical checklists

HS NewsBeat: [Trial will address long-held guidance on appendicitis care](#)



Did You Know?

Good nutrition is important to help surgical patients heal & fight infection. [Learn more](#)



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Perioperative Glucose Control Best Practices



The [Washington State Hospital Association](#) and [Qualis Health](#) partnered with Strong for Surgery and several hospitals with successful glycemic control programs to address glucose control practices for surgical

patients across Washington State. The goal of this collaborative was to improve care and reduce surgical site infections through the development of best practices guidelines throughout the perioperative period. The guidelines have been finalized and are available to download on the [Strong for Surgery webpage](#).

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