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## **Military Health System (MHS) Surgical Quality Consortium (SQC)**

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**American College of Surgeons, Chicago, IL**

### **Continuing Medical Education Credit Information**

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### **1. Program Objectives**

This activity is designed for surgical team members. The objectives of this course are to:

- Orient all personnel to NSQIP and its utilization
- Meet service leads and collaborate on role-specific issues
- Discuss the link between participation in surgical quality programs and excellence in clinical practice
- Discuss the creation of novel surgical quality verification programs
- Demonstrate leadership approaches toward quality issues
- Discuss the impetus for the DHA NSQIP Improvement Project

- Discuss the personnel and process involved in the project
- Review and discuss the state of surgical quality in the MHS
- Discuss the link between MHS strategy and local leadership
- Discuss extending the quality umbrella to the deployed environment
- Share process of the NSQIP in-depth, intense analysis of SARs to identify improvement opportunities
- Discuss range of activities navigating Semi-annual Reports. Share problems/ideas and brainstorm.
- Highlight the role of the MTF NSQIP Team (SC/SCR) in helping initiate improvements.
- Highlight the process for the use of the PUF to conduct research
- Training in fundamentals of improvement science and learning how to tackle a quality issue
- Discuss innovation and continuous improvement in surgical practice and process
- Discuss provider wellness research and gain insights on the importance of surgical team wellness

## 2. Disclosure Information

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## **Continuing Nursing Education (CNE) Credits**

This continuing nursing education activity was approved by the American College of Surgeons, which is a provider approved by the California Board of Registered Nursing, Provider Number CEP 17134.

The 2024 Military Health System (MHS) Surgical Quality Consortium (SQC) Meeting has been approved to award a maximum of **12.75 Continuing Nursing Education (CNE) contact hours** per attendee.

## **Continuing Nursing Education Activity Objectives**

At the conclusion of the educational activity, participants will self-report an increase in knowledge of:

- ACS NSQIP statistics, methodologies, and utilization of reports
- Operationalizing ACS NSQIP and affecting improvement in military treatment facilities
- Principles of quality and process improvement
- Defense Health Agency and quality and patient safety organizational structure

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