Material Use Guide

**Overview of Quality Improvement Study Components**

A systematic approach to quality improvement work greatly increases the odds of achieving the desired outcomes of a given project. Adherence to a standardized framework ensures that all essential elements of a project are completed in the proper sequence to facilitate progression from a simple idea to sustainable change and, ultimately, better outcomes for patients. To this end, several tools have been created to assist in the development, execution, and evaluation of a quality improvement study. These tools were designed to provide enough flexibility to accommodate a wide variety of projects while still maintaining the structure necessary to ensure success. Tools included are—

* Quality Improvement Study Framework
* Quality Improvement Study Debrief Example
* Quality Improvement Study Blank Template

**Tool: Quality Improvement Study Framework**

Use this document to outline the elements of a quality improvement (QI) study. These 12 elements support the plan, develop, execute, and evaluate phases essential to QI work. This framework provides detailed points of consideration to be incorporated into each element of the study and can be used as a guide when populating the Quality Improvement Study Blank Template.

**Tool: Quality Improvement Study Debrief Example**

This tool includes a tutorial to assist in the development and execution of a QI study. While this example specifically focuses on the use of a debrief as a means to enhance the use of the surgical safety checklist, all of the essential QI study elements are found in this tool and can be replicated based on your center’s QI focus. This tutorial has three components: audio, facilitator notes, and a PowerPoint presentation. These components will provide an interactive guide to demonstrate the development and execution of a QI study.

**Tool: Quality Improvement Study Blank Template**

Once you have reviewed the Quality Improvement Study Framework and the Quality Improvement Study Debrief Example, you are now ready to begin your own work in QI. These tools can assist in the population of this template so you will be able to present your QI work to interested audiences, such as board members, colleagues, accrediting body surveyors, etc.