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MEMORANDUM FOR COMMANDER, NAVY MEDICINE EAST  
COMMANDER, NAVY MEDICINE WEST

SUBJECT: AMERICAN COLLEGE OF SURGEONS NATIONAL SURGICAL  
QUALITY IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM

1. The American College of Surgeons (ACS) National Surgical Quality Improvements Program (NSQIP) is a risk adjusted, outcomes-based program which measures and assists in improving the quality of surgical care. NSQIP has been validated at a national level and its use has been shown to correlate with fewer complications, lower costs, and improved outcomes.
2. Currently there are five Navy Medical Training Facilities (MTF) enrolled in the NSQIP program. One of the outcomes from the Military Health System (MHS) review was a recommendation for expansion of this program. A Defense Health Agency (DHA) working group evaluated all inpatient facilities and provided recommendations for expansion based on case volume, complexity and additional risk factors such as geographic isolation. The following facilities were ultimately approved by Navy Medicine for NSQIP expansion: NH Camp Lejeune, NH Yokosuka, NH Okinawa, NH Guam, and NH Bremerton. It was also determined a pilot expansion to small rural sites across the MHS would be of value to determine efficacy of this program in that setting. Naval Hospital Twenty Nine Palms met the volume requirement for this pilot.
3. The DHA overarching contract has been awarded to cover the administrative costs for each site. In addition, each site will require a Surgical Clinical Reviewer (SCR) which will be centrally-funded. We are currently preparing additional information to prepare sites for this expansion to include NSQIP requirements, estimated timeline and implementation guidance. We will work closely with the Regional Chief Medical Officer (Senior Medical Officer) and Quality leads and provide additional support to the MTF as requested.
4. This is an important step in our journey towards eliminating harm and increasing the safety and quality of care provided to our surgical patients.

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