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AHRQ Safety Program for Improving Surgical Care and Recovery Readiness Assessment

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Questions

1. Why is your institution joining this program?
2. Do you have a surgery lead, anesthesia lead, and a nursing lead in mind?
 - a. [IF YES]: Can you describe why you chose each of these individuals?
 - b. [IF NO]: Can you describe what roadblocks you've encountered in trying to find a champion from [surgery, anesthesia, or nursing]?
3. Who from the hospital's executive team will be overseeing this project?
4. What resources do you expect your institution will be able to provide for implementing enhanced surgical care and recovery?
 - a. [PROBE: added staff, time, finances, EHR changes, data reporting]
5. Does your institution have prior experience with implementing enhanced recovery practices for surgical patients?
 - a. What elements of enhanced recovery have you tried implementing?
 - i. What types of surgery did you target?
 - ii. Were these efforts part of a pilot project or have they been implemented on a wider scale?
 - b. Do you think these prior enhanced recovery efforts were successful? Why or why not? What metrics did you use to measure success?
6. What enhanced surgical care and recovery processes [do you think will be] / [were] the hardest for your institution to implement?
 - a. [PROBE]: Patient education and engagement, changing NPO rules, pre-op drink, multimodal analgesia and avoiding narcotics, standard intra-op anesthesia protocol, fluid management, early ambulation, avoiding post-op fasting

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7. Have any other clinical pathways been implemented in surgical or medical areas? If so, can you please describe them?
8. What other major initiatives or clinical projects will your hospital be working on this year?
9. Lastly, I have a few questions about your institution:
 - a. Do you have a pain service or use regional analgesia?
 - b. Do you have fluid monitors available in ORs?
 - c. Do you conduct pre-anesthesia clinical evaluations?
 - d. Do you send post-op patients to the ICU?
 - e. Are surgeons independent or employed by the hospital?
 - f. Is there a single anesthesia group?
 - g. Is there a hospitalist program partnered with surgery?
 - h. What tools does the organization use for QI (e.g., LEAN, PDSA)?
10. Do you have any questions for me?