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Quality Based Improvement Resident Teams

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Recognizing the importance of quality and safety education, surgical residents at Thomas Jefferson University Hospital established the **Quality Based Improvement Resident Teams (QBIRT)** initiative. Under QBIRT, residents have researched, developed, and launched programs to reduce harm and improve the quality of care for surgical patients. They have led projects that have resulted in reducing surgical site infections and catheter-associated urinary tract infections and safer insertion of feeding tubes. With one hospital-wide QBIRT initiative, residents analyzed data and created a “risk score” to help predict postoperative respiratory failure in an effort to intervene earlier and prevent these complications.

Through advanced analytics, best practice implementation, team integration, and innovation, the residents of QBIRT have made a significant difference in patient care and surgical outcomes.



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