What is the SSC?
Developed by the World Health Organization (WHO) to increase surgical safety and reduce post operative complications. The SSC Quality Council was formed with members of Nursing staff, Surgeons, Anesthetists, Nurse Educators and Fraser Health Consultants.

Project Aim
Increase awareness and redevelop the tool to improve compliance at the briefing, time out, and debriefing stages of surgery.

Strategy
- Working groups were created, with the use of Lean Six Sigma, to improve communication and provide education
- Introduced the updated SSC Policy and tool
- Audits/surveys are being conducted to gain staff feedback and analyze compliancy

Results
Results show overall improvement in team participation due to heightened awareness and the development of service specific checklists.

Briefing
- Prior to anesthesia given
- Patient participation encouraged
- Team members confirm and discuss the patient and procedure

Time Out
- Prior to incision
- Patient and procedure are confirmed with consent form
- Team member concerns are addressed

Debriefing
- End of procedure
- Team members confirm:
  - procedure performed
  - count
  - specimens
  - wound class
  - post operative plans

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