



## Frequently Asked Questions

### Who is eligible to join the GAIN: Surgical Patients Collaborative?

GAIN: Surgical Patients is open to all California NICUs that treat surgical patients.

### What is the target infant population?

GAIN: Surgical Patients will focus on infants who have had intestinal surgery.

### Why should I join the GAIN: Surgical Patients Collaborative?

If your NICU frequently treats surgical patients, this collaborative has been designed specifically for you! CPQCC's member-led Children's Hospital Workgroup proposed the idea of a quality improvement (QI) collaborative that specifically addressed the growth and nutrition of surgical patients because of their complex needs. We have designed this collaborative to specifically address the unique circumstances of surgical patients with direct input from the member-led workgroup. This will be the first CPQCC collaborative to specifically focus on surgical patients.

### How is the collaborative structured?

The GAIN Collaborative will use the Institute for Healthcare Improvement (IHI)'s model of collaborative quality improvement in which multiple sites work together around a common goal. The collaborative will kick-off in July 2021 with a half- to full-day learning session during which the GAIN Faculty Panel will discuss the aim of the collaborative, the metrics that will be collected, the potentially better practices (PBPs) that will guide the improvement effort, and some basic principles of QI. Learning sessions will be held three times during the course of the collaborative. In between learning sessions, sites will meet with the faculty panel and each other monthly for a one-hour call to discuss progress, lessons learned, and challenges.

### Who is on the GAIN Faculty Panel?

1. **Dietitian** - Maria Heatherton, RD, CSP (UCSF Benioff Children's Hospital)
2. **NICU Parent**- Jennifer Canvasser, MSW (NEC Society)
3. **CNS** - Mindy Morris, DNP, NNP-BC, CNS (Engage/Grow/Thrive, LLC)
4. **Surgeon** - Ashley Walther, MD (Children's Hospital Los Angeles)
5. **Neonatologist & Collaborative Co-Director**- Irfan Ahmad, MD (CHOC Children's)
6. **CPQCC Lead and Collaborative Co-Director** - Caroline Toney-Noland, MSc (CPQCC)

### Who should be on my site's QI team?

To get the most out of the collaborative we ask that you establish a site QI team with at least one physician lead and at least one nursing lead. In addition, we recommend involving a **Dietitian**, someone from Physical Therapy/Occupational Therapy (PT/OT), and a parent **representative**, if possible, however these positions are not required.

### What is the timeline for the collaborative?

The collaborative active phase will be 12 months in duration beginning with the kickoff meeting in July 2021. We are tentatively planning for the second learning session to be held in November 2021 and the last learning session in June 2022. Monthly calls will commence in August 2021 and will occur each month that a learning sessions is not being held. A 12-month sustainability phase will follow the collaborative active phase. Due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, the GAIN Collaborative will launch as a virtual collaborative. CPQCC will consider holding one in-person collaborative meeting if the public health situation allows.

### What is the cost to join the GAIN: Surgical Patients Collaborative?

There is a cost of \$6,800 per site to join the collaborative.

### How do I register for GAIN: Surgical Patients?

Register online at: <https://bit.ly/3oDiMfP>. If you have any questions, please contact Caroline Toney-Noland at [ctn@stanford.edu](mailto:ctn@stanford.edu).