

and consumers, effective information packaging and delivery, clinical decision support at the point of care, changes in practice culture, effective leadership and self monitoring.⁵ The will to change must be adopted by all participants, including surgeons and their trainees, anesthesiologists, nurses, administrators — anyone who influences clinical practice in a given setting. Some centres have reported success in improving perioperative antibiotic ordering and administration using clinical decision support⁶ and administrative methods that get all participants to adopt the same goals of enhancing patient care.⁷

The apparent correlation between drain overuse and heparin underuse among individual surgeons in the study of Wasey and colleagues (their Fig. 1 [see page 283]) suggests that the surgeons are key determinants of practice. This critical finding reflects

the physician autonomy evident in the study sample and the practice of surgery generally in Canada. What else might be found about the study's key players, the surgeons themselves, and what correlations might exist between surgeon profiles and study outcomes related to clinical practice? For example, was there an association between compliance with correct practice and number of years in practice, teaching activities, research productivity or volume of colorectal practice? To retain our current roles as providers of care, we must improve our adoption of new knowledge into daily work; if we fail to adopt this mode of practice, others will force it on us, justifiably.

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