



ANESTHESIOLOGY

# Boosting Hospital Performance through Anesthesia Expertise and Proven Quality Resources

How one Southwest facility managed to optimize the perioperative process and restore the reputation of its anesthesia department.

Many hospitals nationwide aim to improve hospital-physician alignment, quality care metrics and surgical volume, but how important is the individual anesthesia provider in reaching these goals? One hospital in the Southwest knew it was essential.

Having served its community for more than a century, one medical facility in the Southwest was well-known for its acclaimed orthopedic surgery and sports medicine program and was honored as the #1 Trauma Center in the state for 2010. However, strained relationships with its existing anesthesia team, as well as lapses in documentation and organizational inefficiencies, were key pain points hospital administration faced. With quality care metrics and perioperative efficiency top-of-mind, the hospital made the decision to partner with Sheridan – a performance-driven anesthesia provider – to bring about positive change.

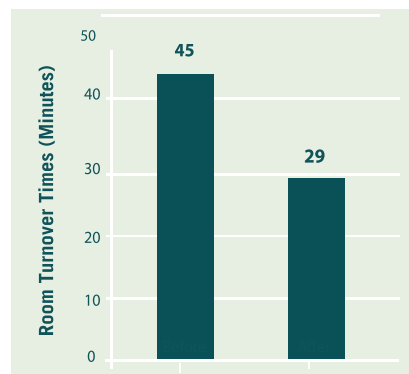
## Results

**40% increase in case volume** occurred without hiring any additional staff.

**SCIP protocols at 100%** for antibiotic prophylaxis, perioperative temperature management, and surgical time out.

Started using virtual trauma room concept effectively adding **8% additional weekday operating minutes** without costly infrastructure expansion.

Increased efficiency by reducing multiple surgical service backlogs so that an additional **2400 minutes (monthly) of weekend elective OR space** and employee overtime could be eliminated.



Room turnover times went from 45 + minutes to consistently less than 29 minutes. In return, this 35% improvement **added over 250 cases monthly** in the same number of operating rooms and without hiring any additional staff.

## Mission Accomplished

- New anesthesia program was supported by a seamless transition team that included on-site clinical leadership, operations management, quality assurance and risk management, billing and technology coordination – all based upon a comprehensive strategic implementation plan.
- New anesthesia department leadership actively engaged with hospital medical staff committees, including leadership roles in Moderate Sedation, Blood Transfusion, Patient Satisfaction, Peer Review, Credentials and Quality.
- Anesthesia leadership leveraged their support and resources to provide greater effectiveness and enhanced quality, decision making, customer satisfaction and accountability.
- As a value-added benefit, Sheridan's lean initiatives focused on increasing quality, timeliness and productivity.
- Sheridan implemented its PAT system to stabilize the OR, meet quality goals and establish an effective and efficient support team.

## Sheridan Introduces Its New Proprietary Pre-Admission Testing Process: ClearPATH



ClearPATH is Sheridan's new pre-operative tool that distributes essential patient information at key intervals, thereby reducing day of surgery cancellations, OR delays and unnecessary testing. Chief among its advantages are the financial benefits that accompany ClearPATH's systematic approach to improving OR efficiency, quality of care, surgeon satisfaction, patient satisfaction, coordination of pre-operative care and medical error reduction.

*ClearPATH has been vetted by the Perioperative Directors at Brigham & Women's Hospital, a teaching affiliate of Harvard Medical School.*

## Get Started Today

With over sixty years of expertise and industry leading innovation, Sheridan has been helping hospitals nationwide increase efficiency and improve patient care. Get started today by contacting Sheridan to learn how we can improve the performance of your operating room with our premier anesthesia services.

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