Surgical Process Improvement Tools (SPITs)

**Structured Inter-professional Communication Instruments**
- Checklists
- Team briefings/ debriefings/ preparatory pauses
- Transfer of care instruments
- Protocol driven communication (i.e. ‘sterile cockpit’)

**Clinical Mapping Instruments**
- Clinical pathways/ care maps
- Fast track/ enhanced recovery programs
- Patient education/ preparation tools

**Error Reduction Instruments**
- Surgical site marking
- Checklists
- Crew resource management initiatives

**Gaps in Current Knowledge**
- Tools addressing intra-operative SPITs
- Tools for outpatient evaluation (pre-operative and surveillance post-operative)
- Tools for diagnostic evaluation

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**Structures**

**Processes**

**Outcomes**