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Tennessee hospital collaborative improves surgical outcomes

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Hospitals participating in the Tennessee Surgical Quality Collaborative substantially improved surgical outcomes while reducing costs, according to a study published [online](#) by the *Journal of the American College of Surgeons*. The improvements reduced the rates of acute renal failure, surgical site infections and other complications, which led to a net savings of nearly \$2.2 million per 10,000 general and vascular procedures. "We demonstrated that hospitals in a collaborative can greatly improve their quality by sharing data, comparing results, and evaluating best practices and process improvement approaches with their peers," said Joseph Cofer, M.D., statewide surgeon champion for the collaborative and surgery residency program director at the University of Tennessee College of Medicine-Chattanooga. The collaborative, coordinated by the Tennessee Hospital Association's Tennessee Center for Patient Safety, is part of the American College of Surgeon's National Surgical Quality Improvement Program.

