To be successful, facilities must develop value analysis processes and a stringent financial review of new procedures and device adoption as part of their standard processes and policies. Projects will impact all levels of the organization, from leadership to physicians, surgeons, nurses and materials managers. They should all be involved.

The involvement of senior leadership assists in maintaining momentum on projects and highlights the significance of them to facility employees. Senior leadership must be willing to support the process, stay with it through difficult moments and see it through to completion. It is imperative that the facilities’ physicians be engaged in the process from the outset as well, so they understand the objectives and feel engaged from the start.

A good program, starting with these basics, will provide enhancement in clinical outcomes and quality through standardization and consistency between procedures. The impact is felt at each level as a less-is-more approach increases efficiency and decreases errors.

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