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 Table A1. Hypothetical Scoring Scenarios for Clinical Importance.

Scenario	Definitely Not Important (1-3)	Equivocal or Uncertain Importance (4-6)	Definitely Important (7-9)	Result
1	Panelist A, B, C,	Panelist H	Panelist I	Definitely Not
	D, E, F, G			Important
2	Panelist H	Panelist I	Panelist A, B, C,	Definitely Important
			D, E, F, G	
3	Panelist H	Panelist A, B, C,	Panelist I	Equivocal or Uncertain
		D, E, F, G		Importance
4	Panelist A, B, C,	Panelist G, H	Panelist I	Indeterminate
	D, E, F			
5	Panelist A, B, C,	Panelist I	Panelist E, F, G,	Disagreement
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Panelists A-I represent the nine panelists and their individual votes in hypothetical scoring scenarios.

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Appendix A2. Eighty-three candidate quality measures included in voting

Number	Quality Measure		
1	Visiting surgeons (i.e. attendings, fellows, residents) are credentialed at their own		
	hospitals to complete anticipated surgical procedures and operate within their scope		
	of practice		
2	Visiting anesthesiologists are credentialed at their own hospital to complete		
	anticipated procedures and operate within their scope of practice		
3	Availability of interpretation services for visiting team		
4	Presence of a sterilization method for surgical instruments		
5	Availability of a continuous supply of running water		
6	Availability of continuous electricity and documentation of backup plan for loss of		
	power		
7	Presence of oxygen supply and documentation of backup plan		
8	Completion of a sponge and instrument count at the end of each surgical procedure		
9	Adherence to universal precautions (i.e. gloves, masks) in the operating room		
10	Obtaining informed written consent for surgery		
11	Completion of a preoperative scrub by members of the surgical team prior to every		
	operation		
12	Completion of a needs assessment tool prior to arrival (e.g. WHO situational		
	analysis tool)		
13	Completion of an educational component for local surgeons		
14	Completion of a preoperative surgical timeout		
15	Percentage of sedated patients on the operating room table being secured with a		
	seatbelt		
16	Number of local clinical support staff (excluding nurses) available to assist surgical		
	team in clinic		
17	Documentation of access to pharmaceuticals		
18	Access to X-ray machine		
19	Percentage of patients receiving antibiotic prophylaxis (when indicated)		
20	Percentage of surgical patients receiving postoperative follow up		
21	Presence of local surgeon capable of managing postoperative care (including		
	complications)		
22	Number of deaths prior to departure of the visiting team		
23	Percentage of patients with a postoperative complication prior to departure		
24	Documentation of an exit plan for visiting team in setting of emergency		
25	Preoperative review of the operative plan and necessary equipment		
26	Presence of a system for reporting adverse events		
27	Availability of a general medicine physician to optimize and treat patients in the		
	perioperative period		
28	Visiting surgical team (organization) having a database for data/outcome collection		
29	Evaluation of knowledge transfer		

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30	Preoperative marking of patient by the operating surgeon		
31	Documentation of a medical treatment plan for a sick team member		
32	Presence of surgical instruments for minor surgery		
33	Accessibility of a working operative microscope		
34	Average ratio of patients to nurses on the inpatient wards		
35	Number of local personnel trained in trauma surgery available in the host hospital		
36	Number of local personnel trained in anesthesia available in the host hospital		
37	Presence of local surgeons to assist during procedures		
38	Presence of adequate operating room ventilation		
39	Average ratio of bed occupancy to standard capacity of facility		
40	Access to single-use gown and drapes		
41	Postoperative score on a validated patient reported outcome measure		
42	Number of local personnel trained in general surgery available in the host hospital		
43	Number of local personnel trained in orthopaedic surgery available in the host		
	hospital		
44	Number of local operating room personnel to assist surgical team in the operating		
	room		
45	Number of operating rooms		
46	Presence of an emergency room		
47	Access to intraoperative fluoroscopy		
48	Access to a blood bank		
49	Access to CT scanner		
50	Percentage of patients receiving 2% mupirocin decolonization in known nasal		
	carriers of Staphylococcus aureus		
51	Percentage of underweight patients receiving preoperative nutritional supplement		
52	Cost/disability adjusted life years (DALYs) averted		
53	Facility has a policy on physician/surgeon conflict of interest		
54	The number of patients requiring surgery divided by the number of operative		
	procedures performed (i.e. clinical effectiveness)		
55	Frequency of equipment inventory		
56	Percentage of patients receiving thromboprophylaxis (when indicated)		
57	Photographic documentation of postoperative range of motion in chart		
58	Percentage of patients bathing or showering prior to surgery with plain or		
50	antimicrobial soap		
59	Percentage of patients having hair removed with a clipper preoperatively		
60	Collection of postoperative patient satisfaction scores		
61	Collection of patient reported outcomes after surgery		
62	Number of intensive care unit beds A suggester a laboratory		
63	Access to a laboratory		
04	Presence of adequate operating room lighting and back up lighting		
65	Presence of surgical instruments for major surgery		
66	Presence of surgical instruments for orthopaedic surgery		

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67	Presence of a post anesthesia recovery room		
68	Presence of safe surgical waste disposal		
69	Presence of a morbidity and mortality conference at the hospital/clinic		
70	Number and type of procedures completed by the visiting surgical team		
71	Number of patients seen in clinic by the visiting surgical team per trip		
72	Logging of clinic patients seen and procedures performed (i.e. numbers, type of operations, CPT codes)		
73	Documentation of time the tourniquet was inflated (i.e. tourniquet time)		
74	Documentation of an appropriate plan for surgical patients to receive postoperative follow up		
75	Preoperative score on a validated patient reported outcome measure		
76	Presence of a health record system in the local hospital/clinic		
77	Presence of a communication system between a local physician and a visiting		
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