



# County of Monterey

Board of Supervisors  
Chambers  
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Salinas, CA 93901

## Board Report

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### **RECOMMENDATION:**

#### **It is recommended the Board of Supervisors:**

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### **SUMMARY/DISCUSSION:**

The American College of Surgeons National Surgical Quality Improvement Program (ACS NSQIP®) is a database and reporting system that provides Natividad Medical Center (NMC) with fact-based information needed to make quick, confident decisions in support of the hospital’s quality improvement initiatives. The database and reporting system allow NMC to: evaluate performance as compared to peer hospitals; and evaluate outcomes, complications, and risk-adjusted mortality. The database and reporting system allow NMC to compare patient-care patterns among physicians and compare expected results to observed results. Participation in ACS NSQIP® satisfies the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) surgical quality measure requirement (NQF #0493), “Participation in a Systematic Clinical Database Registry for General Surgery.”

### **OTHER AGENCY INVOLVEMENT:**

The Office of County Counsel previously reviewed and approved this agreement and has reviewed and approved this agreement as to form. The Auditor-Controller has approved as to payment provisions. This agreement has also been reviewed and approved by NMC’s Finance Committee and by its Board of Trustees on September 9, 2022.

### **FINANCING:**

The cost for this agreement was \$14,000 all of which was included in the Fiscal Year 2022-23 Adopted Budget.

**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS STRATEGIC INITIATIVES:**

ACS NSQIP is the leading nationally validated, risk-adjusted, outcomes-based program to measure and improve the quality of surgical care in the private and public sector. ACS NSQIP provides participating hospitals with tools, analyses, and reports to make informed decisions about improving quality of care. Further, peer-reviewed studies have shown that ACS NSQIP is effective in improving the quality of surgical care while also reducing complications and costs.

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- ☐ Infrastructure
- ☐ Public Safety

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Approved by: Charles R. Harris, Chief Executive Officer, 783-2504

**Attachments:**

American College of Surgeons Hospital Participation Agreement NSQIP

Attachments on file with the Clerk of the Board