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As co-lead for the AFPP Advancing Surgical Roles Specialist Interest Group, I was recently asked about which procedures a surgical care practitioner (SCP) can be trained to undertake and how the SCP role can be developed fully within the remit of the surgical team. This question enabled me to reflect upon and explore the development of my own role of a vascular and general SCP using Benner’s adaptation of the Dreyfus’ expertise acquisition model that describes the transition that nurses and, one could argue, all healthcare professionals make from novice to expert practitioners.

229 INTERNATIONAL CLINICAL FEATURE
Using a STOP/GO protocol in the preoperative area to increase patient safety
AM Harris, K Preece and C Harris

A multitude of surgeries are performed each year and 15% of cases have an adverse event, most of which are preventable. A culture of safety must be adopted by the entire surgical team. A preoperative checklist in addition to the intraoperative checklist can help decrease errors. We adapted a Stop/Go process in the preoperative area which had to be completed prior to moving the patient into the operating room. We examined adverse events before and after this process. Adverse events decreased from 1.5% to nearly 0% over the time examined. The Stop/Go preoperative checklist, adapted to our specific operating room needs, helped to decrease adverse events.
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