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Project Pin: Postoperative Bathing with CHG for Hip and Knee Surgery

Hip and Knee SSIs

- SIP and DIP SSIs among HPRO and KPRO
- Many >20 days postop
- Many with S. aureus & epi
- All had preop CHG bathing protocol
- Most had nasal betadine

Study Design

- Little data on postop CHG use
- 10-day post-op bathing with CHG soap
- Follow up and routine SSI surveillance
- Pre-post intervention evaluation

Obstacles

- No research infrastructure
- Financial support for review fees (initial and recurring)
- Administrative and operational support for non-core projects
- Paused for next budgeting and evaluation period

Key Takeaways

- Formatting = Google AI, ChatGPT
- APIC Research <u>Toolkit</u>
 - Anyone can do research! Don't be too scared or overwhelmed to do it.
 - Although seemingly a daunting task, research can be tackled in small steps.
 - When the opportunity arises for you to do research, this toolkit can help set your project up for success by ensuring it's a study of strength.
- Time and project management skill need and boost