ADVANTAGE SUPPORT SERVICES, INC.

SURGICAL SERVICES QUICK-REFERENCE CHECK



A practical check for

SURGICAL SERVICES READINESS

18 questions. Three perspectives. One shared starting point.

HOW READY IS THE SYSTEM BEHIND EVERY SURGERY?

OR LEADERSHIP

SPD LEADERSHIP

INFECTION PREVENTION

HOW READY ARE YOUR SURGICAL SERVICES?

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SCORING GUIDE

Complete the following 18 questions based on your facility's current practices. Each question should be answered Yes or No.

YES = 10 points
The practice is consistently established and supported by evidence.

NO = 0 points
The practice is not established, is inconsistent, or cannot be verified.

Add your scores for each department and calculate your overall Surgical Services Readiness Score.



OR LEADERSHIP | **SPD LEADERSHIP** | **INFECTION PREVENTION**

MAXIMUM POSSIBLE SCORE: 180 POINTS

Operating Room Guided Assessment	7 questions	70 points
Sterile Processing Guided Assessment	6 questions	60 points
Infection Prevention Guided Assessment	5 questions	50 points
Total	**18 questions**	**180 points**

A readiness check points to what may need attention.
An ASSI Clinical Assessment helps identify causes and prioritize improvements.

GUIDED ASSESSMENT
OPERATING ROOM

Is Your O.R. Operating at it's Full Potential?

Evaluate how effectively your OR and SPD teams collaborate to maintain surgical readiness, address instrument-related challenges, and support operational performance.

01 Has your facility maintained surgical operations with no more than four SPD-related service disruptions (such as missing instruments, bioburden, or late sets) within the past three months? **YES** [ ] **NO** [ ]

Notes / Evidence _____

02 Does an SPD representative regularly participate in OR huddles or scheduling meetings to review tray turnover, vendor tray status, and previous-day errors? **YES** [ ] **NO** [ ]

Notes / Evidence _____

03 Are instrument errors, missing instruments, and bioburden concerns consistently addressed through documented corrective actions and communication with OR staff and physicians? **YES** [ ] **NO** [ ]

Notes / Evidence _____

04 Does your current instrument management process support reliable, on-time surgical case starts? **YES** [ ] **NO** [ ]

Notes / Evidence _____

05 Does SPD regularly report performance metrics and demonstrate measurable progress on issues identified through Surgical Services customer feedback? **YES** [ ] **NO** [ ]

Notes / Evidence _____

06 Are SPD-related inefficiencies, delays, cancellations, and overtime concerns routinely reviewed and addressed in collaboration with OR leadership? **YES** [ ] **NO** [ ]

Notes / Evidence _____

07 Have OR and SPD staffing models been evaluated within the past two years to improve resource utilization, surgical capacity, and long-term operational resilience? **YES** [ ] **NO** [ ]

Notes / Evidence _____

Operating Room Score: ___ / 70

GUIDED ASSESSMENT
STERILE PROCESSING

Is Your SPD Prepared to Support Surgical Demand?

Evaluate your department's ability to maintain instrument quality, manage operational challenges, support staff competency, and meet the demands of surgical services.

08 Has your SPD maintained operations with no more than four quality incidents affecting surgical case starts or patient care within the past six months? **YES** [ ] **NO** [ ]

Notes / Evidence _____

09 Does SPD leadership collaborate with a multidisciplinary team to identify and address the root causes of quality incidents that contribute to procedural delays or cancellations? **YES** [ ] **NO** [ ]

Notes / Evidence _____

10 Is your SPD's current project list or improvement plan informed by recent feedback from OR leadership, surgical staff, and physicians? **YES** [ ] **NO** [ ]

Notes / Evidence _____

11 Are SPD staff required to demonstrate additional, milestone-based competencies before independently processing complex instrumentation? **YES** [ ] **NO** [ ]

Notes / Evidence _____

12 Does your facility monitor, document, and report water quality in accordance with applicable AAMI ST108 requirements? **YES** [ ] **NO** [ ]

Notes / Evidence _____

13 Does SPD leadership have the staffing data, productivity metrics, and operational tools needed to justify resources for daily instrument processing, quality audits, and staff education? **YES** [ ] **NO** [ ]

Notes / Evidence _____

Sterile Processing Score: ___ / 60

GUIDED ASSESSMENT
INFECTION PREVENTION

Are Your Processes Protecting Patients and Supporting Compliance?

Evaluate how Infection Prevention collaborates with Surgical Services and SPD to identify potential risks, validate quality practices, and support consistent reprocessing standards.

14 Does Infection Prevention conduct regularly scheduled, collaborative rounds with SPD leadership in the O.R. SP Department, and applicable ancillary clinical areas? **YES** [ ] **NO** [ ]

Notes / Evidence _____

15 Does Infection Prevention participate in or oversee multidisciplinary meetings and corrective action plans addressing SPD-related concerns identified by the OR and other departments? **YES** [ ] **NO** [ ]

Notes / Evidence _____

16 Does Infection Prevention validate that reported instrument error rates and quality metrics accurately reflect operational performance, using applicable AORN guidance and consistent calculation methods? **YES** [ ] **NO** [ ]

Notes / Evidence _____

17 Does the Infection Prevention team have access to the standards, manufacturer instructions, and clinical guidance necessary to observe reprocessing practices and identify opportunities to reduce risk? **YES** [ ] **NO** [ ]

Notes / Evidence _____

18 Does Infection Prevention collaborate with Engineering and SPD leadership to establish, monitor, and document water quality practices in accordance with applicable AAMI ST108 requirements? **YES** [ ] **NO** [ ]

Notes / Evidence _____

Infection Prevention Score: ___ / 50

WHAT IS YOUR SCORE TELLING YOU?

SURGICAL READINESS

Surgical readiness is a shared responsibility. Your results provide a starting point for identifying where teams are aligned, where gaps may exist, and which operational priorities deserve closer attention.

DEPARTMENT	SCORE
OR Leadership	_____ / 70
SPD Leadership	_____ / 60
Infection Prevention	_____ / 50
Overall Readiness	**_____ / 180**

UNDERSTANDING YOUR RESULTS

0-60 POINTS

Significant Gaps Identified

Your responses indicate multiple opportunities to strengthen operational processes, interdisciplinary collaboration, and surgical readiness. A more detailed evaluation may help identify underlying causes and establish priorities.

70–120 POINTS

Opportunities for Improvement

Your facility has established some important practices, but gaps or inconsistencies may be affecting overall performance. Focused improvements can help strengthen alignment and operational reliability.

130–180 POINTS

Strong Readiness Foundations

Your responses indicate that many foundational practices are in place. Continued monitoring, validation, and process improvement can help sustain performance and identify emerging risks.

These scoring ranges are proposed self-assessment categories, not validated clinical risk thresholds or accreditation ratings. Results should be interpreted alongside observed practices and documented evidence.

YOUR SCORE IS ONLY THE BEGINNING

TURN INSIGHT INTO ACTION

A readiness check can highlight potential challenges. A comprehensive Clinical Assessment can help uncover the operational, procedural, and compliance-related factors behind them.

With more than 25 years of experience supporting Surgical Services, ASSI works alongside hospital leadership to evaluate performance, identify opportunities, and develop actionable improvement strategies.

ASSI CLINICAL ASSESSMENTS

01 Hospital & Healthcare Systems
- Sterile Processing Assessments
- Endoscopy Assessments

02 Ambulatory Surgery Centers
- ASC Endoscopy
- ASC Sterile Processing

03 Ancillary & point-of-care
- Ultrasound
- TEE Probe
- Clinics
- Dental

04 Facility, utility & targeted reviews
- Water Management
- IUSS Oversight

WHAT RESULTS CAN REVEAL

Communication
Cross-team alignment

Quality systems
Audits and tracking

Operational efficiency
Delays and workflow

Compliance readiness
Documentation gaps

Team development
Competency and learning

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TURN INSIGHT INTO ACTION

Explore how ASSI Clinical Assessments help healthcare organizations strengthen surgical readiness.

LEARN MORE ABOUT OUR ASSESSMENTS