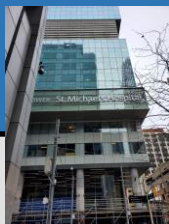
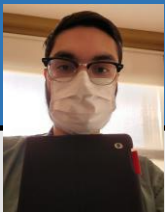


THE ORGANIZATION




- St. Michael's Hospital is a catholic and teaching research hospital located in downtown Toronto acclaimed for providing outstanding patient care
- St. Michael's is part of Unity Health Toronto along with St Joseph's Health Centre and Providence Healthcare

MY ROLE

- Worked on quality improvement initiatives related to the surgical safety checklist (SSCL) in Perioperative Services
- Reported to the Manager of Quality, Patient Safety and Education



PROJECT OVERVIEW

Project	Overview
Audit SSCL 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SSCL is a checklist used in the different phases of surgery • Originally created by WHO • 3 stages: briefing (before anesthesia), surgical pause (before skin incision) and debriefing (before patient leaves OR) • Observe SSCL in the OR and check off completed items on iPad app
Create Learning Module for the SSCL 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Module meant for fellows, nurses, residents to learn about the SSCL • Research why the SSCL is important and put main themes in the module • Important because using SSCL has shown to improve communication, teamwork, information transfer and safety in the OR • Module only included the most important information like why it is important and how to use it at St. Michael's
SSCL Integration into EHR/EMR 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Perform a literature search to see what's been done and how • Main findings were tablet or mobile applications, verbalized assistants and large screen displays • Patient information displayed alongside the SSCL

MY PERSONAL REFLECTION

- Amazing to be in the OR and see surgeries
- Saw a beating heart up close!
- Opportunity to contribute to a quality improvement initiative
- Gain real world experience in the healthcare environment
- Develop and observe communication and presentation skills
- Overall experience has given me confidence moving forward

ADVICE TO FUTURE STUDENTS

- Take initiative; you are capable of more than you think
- Don't be afraid to ask questions about your work, career or anything else
- Make the most of your experience; you are given an opportunity to be in a healthcare environment
- Have fun and learn!

