

# Resource

A resource is a source or supply from which a benefit is produced.

Identifying **resources**: Resources needed to accomplish the **tasks** need to be identified, including **personnel**, **equipment**, **materials**, and finances.

The National Quality Indicators are generally divided into three main types of **quality measures**:  
Structure indicators (**frameworks** and **resources**, **competence**, available **equipment**, registers, etc.)  
Process indicators (activities in the patient process, e.g., diagnostics, treatment).

**Surgeons** have an opportunity to serve as **leaders** and stewards of **resources**, especially **operating room** (OR) **supplies**. Engaging in resource stewardship provides an important pathway through which physicians can champion waste reduction and employ environmentally sound and cost conscientious decision-making. Additionally, this provides another avenue to demonstrate leadership to administration and nurse managers typically involved in decision making of OR policy, for example.

Estimates suggest that between 20% and 70% of health care waste originates from a hospital's OR, and up to 90% of OR waste is improperly sorted and sent for costly and unneeded biohazardous waste processing <sup>1)</sup>.

## Resource utilization

see [Resource utilization](#).

<sup>1)</sup>

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