Sharing Thoracic Surgery Data to Improve Outcomes

**Data in**
Nearly 1,000 surgeons share outcome data on in two public thoracic surgery databases

**Data revisited**
Participation in the database identifies other areas of quality improvement

**Data out**
Programs review to gauge performance and identify areas for self-improvement

**Data applied**
Best practices gleaned from data are incorporated into patient care

**Society of Thoracic Surgeons National Database & Society of Thoracic Surgery Database**