

A System for Safer Surgery

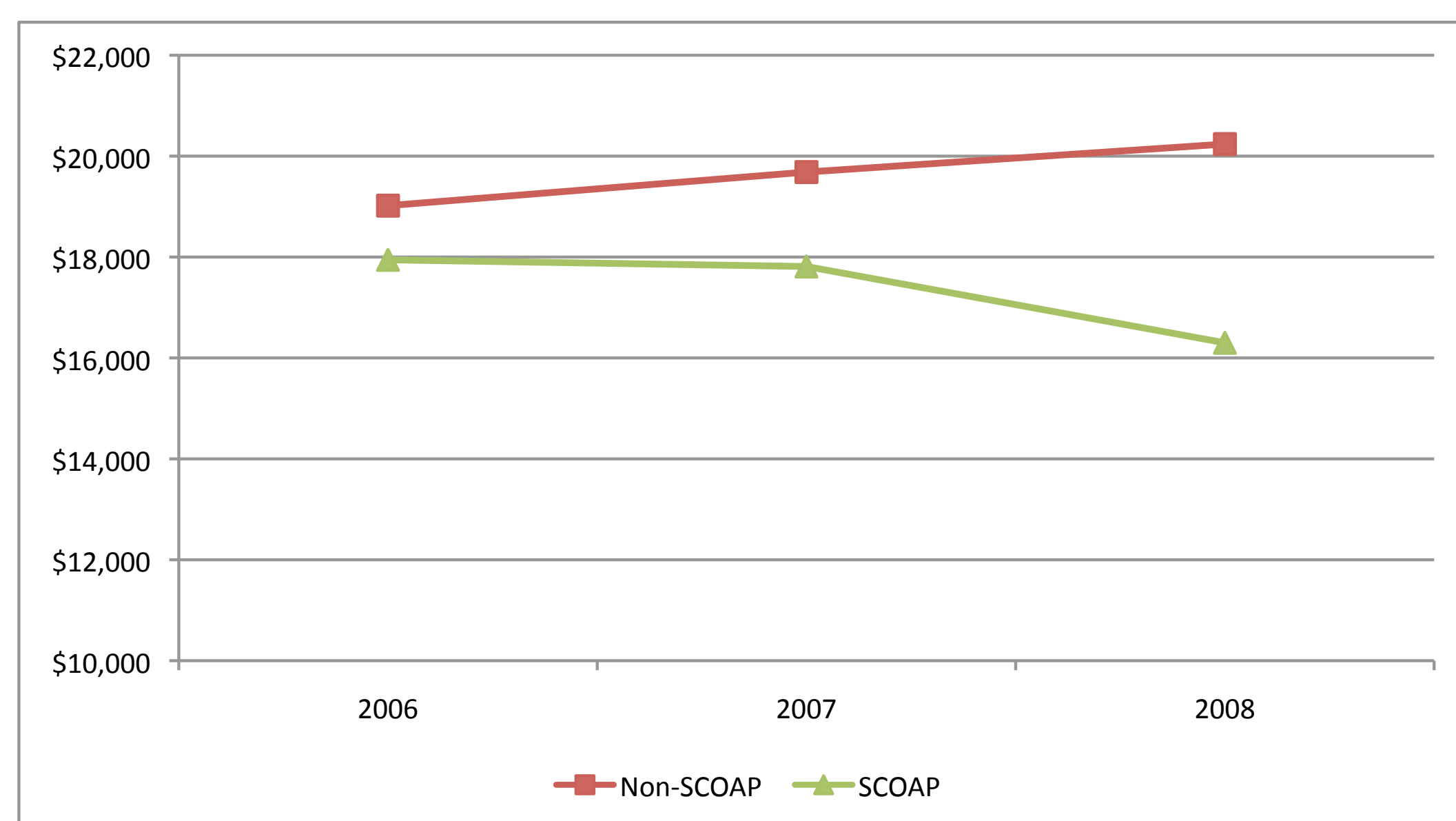
SCOAP is the future of surgical quality improvement. It is a physician-led, voluntary collaborative creating an aviation-like surveillance and response system for surgical quality. SCOAP improves quality by reducing variation in process of care and outcomes across the state. Now at more than 55 hospitals in Washington State, SCOAP is an engaged community of clinicians working to build a safer, higher quality, and more cost effective surgical healthcare system. The LSDF was instrumental in establishing SCOAP as the standard of care in Washington and monitoring its impact on patients, payers and the healthcare system.

The SCOAP community:

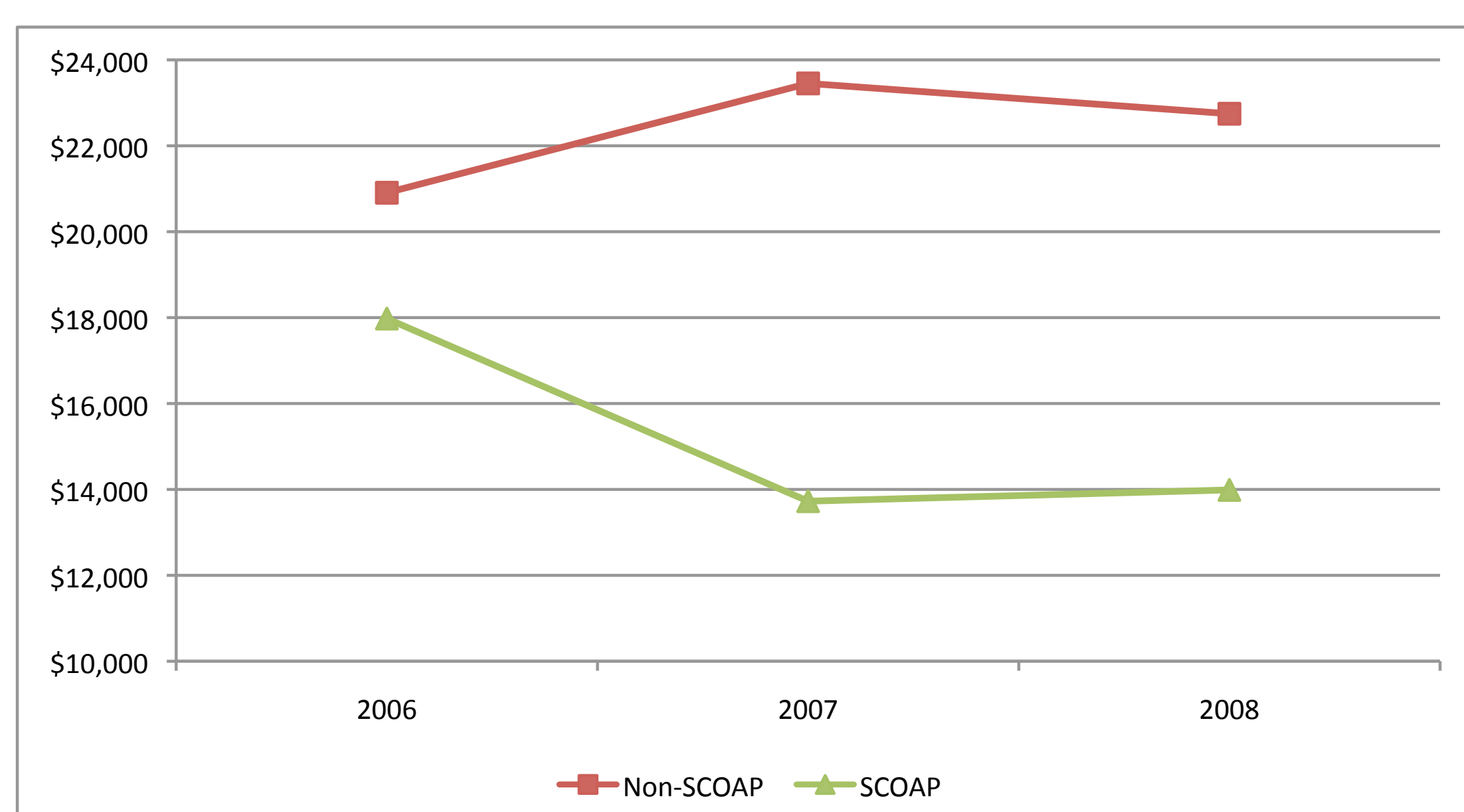
- Defines the quality measures that are most relevant for surgical patients
- Generates surveillance data to show hospitals and clinicians how well care is being delivered
- Creates collaboration between hospitals so that all patients can benefit from the success of partner hospitals
- Deploys checklists and standardized order sets to create active change
- Works to make surgical care more cost effective and efficient within hospitals and reduces the use of unnecessary surgery
- Tracks improvements over time and shows value to all healthcare stakeholder

In 2010, SCOAP issued a white paper outlining the cost savings effects that participation in SCOAP has for its member hospitals. SCOAP hospitals appear to be “bending the cost curve” by keeping costs of care low, while costs of care for non-SCOAP hospitals have remained the same or increased. The total projected cost difference for 2006 to 2009 was \$62,396,000.

Unadjusted Average Cost: Colectomy



Unadjusted Average Cost: Bypass



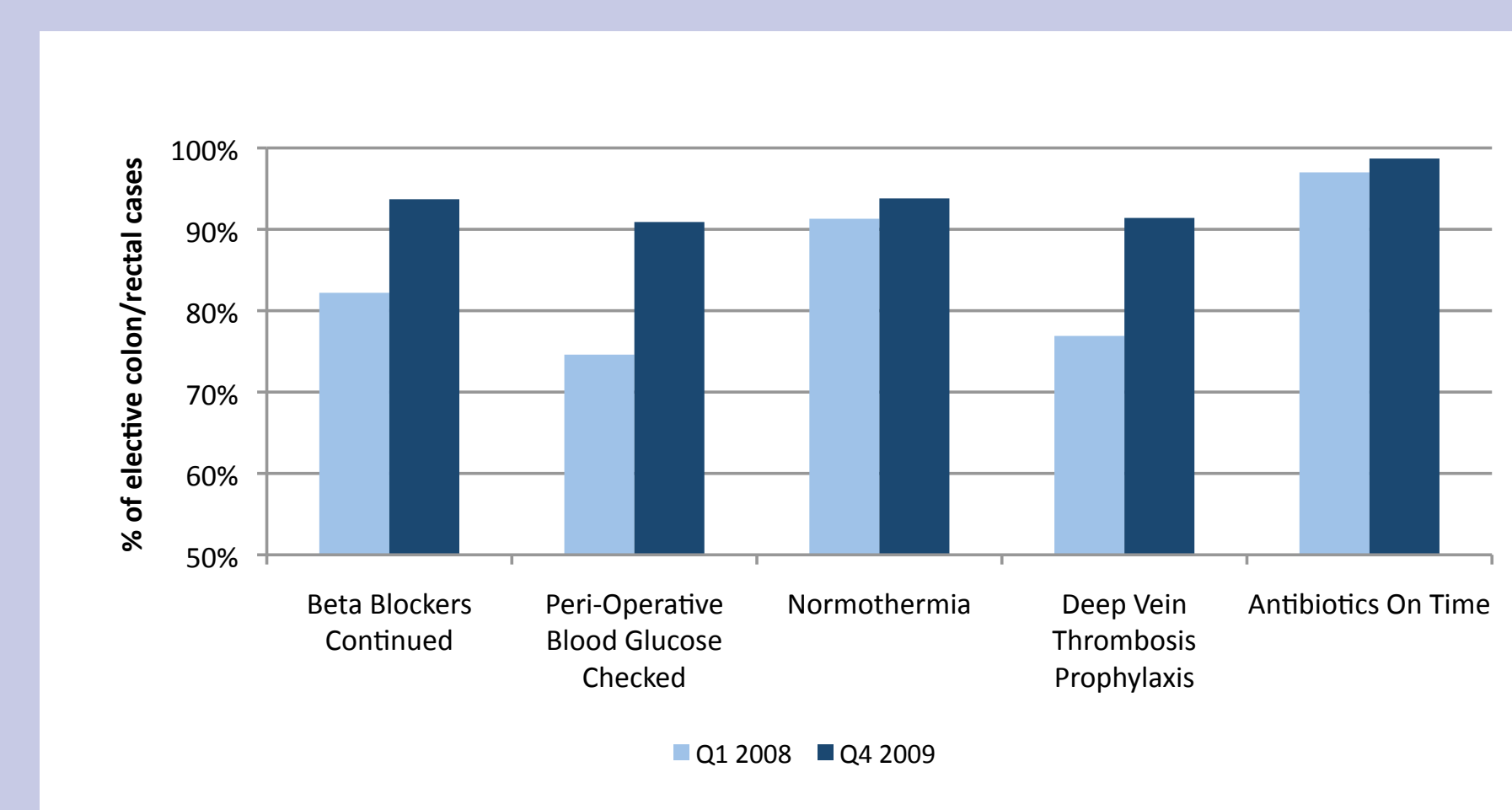
The SCOAP Surgical Checklist

has been implemented at 100% of Washington State hospitals and has dramatically increased compliance with key process of care measures and improved patient outcomes.



Hospital Performance: Process

before and after checklist implementation



Hospital Performance: Outcomes

before and after checklist implementation

