



# Evaluating Schwartz Rounds in the Irish Context; establishing the impact, outcomes and key learnings

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# Spreading Quality Improvement Initiatives

**Sustainability is threatened by assumptions that interventions will simply diffuse on their own or readily transplant from one context to another.**

Dixon-Woods et al 'Ten Challenges in Improving Quality in Healthcare: Lessons from the Health Foundation's Programme Evaluations and Relevant Literature' BMJ Quality and Safety 2012;21:882

**Understanding why and how a change delivered an improvement in a particular context can provide useful information about how to then spread that change more widely.**

Quality Improvement Hub 'The Spread and Sustainability of Quality Improvement in Healthcare'

# Evaluation

## Schwartz Rounds Evaluation Steering Group

- Nominated members of University Hospital Galway, Blackrock Hospice, Point of Care Foundation, HSE Human Resources and Quality Improvement Division.



## Evaluation of the initial two sites:

- Our Lady's Hospice & Care Services Blackrock Hospice
- University Hospital Galway

# Evaluation Purpose

1. To establish whether Schwartz Rounds are **suitable** for introduction practically and culturally in the Irish health system.
2. To understand the **experience of, and personal impact** on panellists, attendees, administrators, facilitators and clinical leads who have participated.
3. To capture the perceived and/or actual **outcomes** for the service/hospital.
4. To determine the **key learnings** including contextual factors to help inform HSE decision making on rolling out the initiative further.

