

## **The nature of surgical error: a cautionary tale and a call to reason.**

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The author advocates a more balanced approach to understanding the nature of surgical error, positing that the current trend for a [systems approach](#) ignores the actual error and individual accountability.