

Disruptions in surgical flow and their relationship to surgical errors: an exploratory investigation.

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Using a trained observer to monitor for errors and flow disruptions in cardiac surgery operations, this study found that [teamwork](#) and [communication](#) failures were the strongest predictor of adverse outcomes.