

Improving safety in the operating room: a systematic literature review of retained surgical sponges.

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This review found that, on average, retained surgical sponges (gossypibomas) were not detected until almost 7 years after surgery. The risk factors for retained sponges were similar to those found in a [prior study](#).