

Using a data-matrix–coded sponge counting system across a surgical practice: impact after 18 months.

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This study implemented a data-matrix–coded sponge system that eliminated [retained sponges](#) while causing no significant disruption in operating time or workflow.