

Factors that influence the expected length of operation: results of a prospective study.

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This qualitative study, based on direct observation of 160 surgical procedures, found that [communication breakdowns](#) were significantly correlated with deviations from the expected length of the procedure.