

Multitasking during patient handover in the recovery room.

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This analysis of videotaped postoperative patient [handoffs](#) revealed that the majority of clinicians engaged in multitasking—handover of both equipment and clinical information—while transferring care. Such behavior violates the [sterile cockpit](#) concept and may be a source of error during handoffs.