

## **Applying Lean methods to improve quality and safety in surgical sterile instrument processing.**

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Use of [Lean methodology](#) helped restructure the surgical instrument sterilization and preparation process according to [human factors engineering](#) principles, resulting in a sustained decrease in the instrument processing error rate.