

The recurring problem of retained swabs and instruments.

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This review discusses the risks, complications, and challenges of [retained surgical items](#) and describes strategies to prevent them.