

## **A handoff protocol from the cardiovascular operating room to cardiac ICU is associated with improvements in care beyond the immediate postoperative period.**

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A standardized [handoff](#) protocol for cardiac surgery patients between the operating room and intensive care unit led to decreases in unplanned extubations and the amount of time spent on ventilators.