

## **Patient safety in plastic surgery: identifying areas for quality improvement efforts.**

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Using AHRQ [patient safety indicators](#), this study established that approximately 4% of plastic surgery patients experience an adverse event during their hospital stay. This rate is relatively low compared with other surgical disciplines, but it is significant due to the proportion of young healthy patients who undergo plastic surgery.