

## **Impact of intraoperative distractions on patient safety: a prospective descriptive study using validated instruments.**

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Researchers performed observations of procedures in operating rooms to examine the effect of distractions on safety. This study revealed that [distractions](#) in this setting are prevalent and were frequently linked to omission of intraoperative safety checks. These results are consistent with prior studies of [interruptions](#) and patient safety.