

Reducing the Risks of Wrong-Site Surgery: Safety Practices from The Joint Commission Center for Transforming Healthcare Project.

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[Wrong-site surgery](#) is a [never event](#), but [still occurs](#) at alarming rates. This report discusses [risks](#) related to wrong-site surgery, along with their root causes, and describes initiatives associated with a [Joint Commission Center for Transforming Healthcare](#) project. The authors highlight improvements in scheduling surgeries, preoperative processes, operating room preparations, and organizational culture that substantially reduced wrong-site surgeries in the eight hospitals participating in the program. A prior AHRQ WebM&M [commentary](#) by Dr. Charles Vincent discussed a case of a wrong-site procedure.