

Measuring variation in use of the WHO surgical safety checklist in the operating room: a multicenter prospective cross-sectional study.

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This direct observation study used a standardized protocol to assess the implementation of the [safe surgery checklist](#) and found wide variation in actual use of the tool. Challenges with implementation are thought to explain [varying efficacy](#) of checklists in clinical practice, in contrast to dramatic reductions in surgical mortality and complications in [clinical trials](#).