

Suboptimal compliance with surgical safety checklists in Colorado: a prospective observational study reveals differences between surgical specialties.

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This quality improvement initiative found suboptimal adherence to [surgical safety checklists](#). The authors suggest that wide variation in compliance may explain conflicting results between [randomized trials](#) of checklists and subsequent [observational post-implementation studies](#), and this finding points to the need to study implementation, not just effectiveness, of patient safety strategies.