

## **Effectiveness of interventions to improve patient handover in surgery: a systematic review.**

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[The Joint Commission](#) and the [Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education](#) have called for institutions to implement standardized [handoff](#) strategies. This systematic review found indications that [checklists](#) can improve the quality of care transitions for surgical patients, but the quality of published evidence is low.