

Association of the 2011 ACGME resident duty hour reform with postoperative patient outcomes in surgical specialties.

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This pre-post examination of data from the [National Surgical Quality Improvement Program](#) found no differences in serious morbidity or mortality within 30 days following surgery across multiple surgical specialties in the 2 years after [2011 ACGME](#) duty hour reform, compared to the last year prior to reform. Although [duty hour reform](#) does not appear to be a high-yield strategy for improving surgical outcomes, concerns about worsening [procedural skills](#) and increased [handoffs](#) leading to patient harm were not borne out in the current data.