

A systematic review of the effect of distraction on surgeon performance: directions for operating room policy and surgical training.

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This systematic review found that equipment and procedural distractions were the most severe [distraction](#) events during surgery, but irrelevant conversation and movement were the most frequent. This underscores the need to [reduce](#) distractions and incorporate management of distractions into surgical [education](#).