

## **Safety culture in cardiac surgical teams: data from five programs and national surgical comparison.**

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This study found that cardiac surgical teams had a more positive safety culture (as measured by the AHRQ Hospital Survey on Patient Safety Culture) than other surgical teams. Similar to prior studies in which managers reported a more positive safety culture than frontline staff, in this study surgeons reported more optimal safety culture compared to nurses and perfusionists. This gap in perceived safety culture requires further study.