

Surgical count process for prevention of retained surgical items: an integrative review.

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[Retained surgical items](#) are considered a [never event](#), but they continue to occur. Summarizing the evidence on [surgical counts](#), this review explores [risk factors](#), current processes, and [technology](#) solutions to determine best practices for perioperative nurses to prevent instances of retained surgical items.