

Where are my instruments? Hazards in delivery of surgical instruments.

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Insufficient [instrument availability](#) in the operating room can delay surgery completion and increase risks. This study used failure mode and effect analysis to characterize instrument delivery to operating rooms at two hospitals. Investigators identified multiple vulnerabilities in delivery processes and recommend enhanced information technology support to optimize instrument availability.