

## **More than half a million heart surgery patients at risk of a dangerous infection.**

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[Medical devices](#) can contribute to the [spread](#) of health care–associated infections. This news article discusses a government report that raises concerns that patients may have been exposed to a deadly bacterial infection related to an essential piece of equipment used in cardiac [surgery](#) worldwide. The resulting infection can be difficult to diagnosis as symptoms may remain dormant for months after the initial exposure.