

A patient safety dilemma: obesity in the surgical patient.

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[Postoperative complications](#) are key measures of surgical safety and quality. This analysis of electronic health record data found that [AHRQ Patient Safety Indicators](#) of surgical complications were more common in patients with obesity. The authors suggest that [systems approaches](#) are needed to mitigate surgical risk for patients with obesity.