

The evolving story of overlapping surgery.

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Scheduling overlapping procedures is [perceived](#) as risky, despite lack of robust [evidence](#) regarding its impact on patient safety. This commentary explains that the practice is primarily detrimental to the physician–patient relationship and that building trust is a key strategy to manage this concern. The authors suggest transparency with patients about [scheduling](#) practices and hospital oversight to ensure accountability would assist in establishing the trust in [overlapping](#) surgeries.