

Frequency and type of situational awareness errors contributing to death and brain damage: a closed claims analysis.

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Failure to maintain situational awareness can adversely impact [patient safety](#). In this closed claims analysis of anesthesia malpractice claims for death or brain damage, researchers found that situational awareness errors on the part of the anesthesiologist contributed to death or brain damage in 74% of claims.