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This study examined root cause analyses performed by the Veterans Health Administration to identify and characterize anesthesia-related safety events. Although a relatively small number of events were found, the authors identified several human factors solutions that, if implemented, could prevent common types of errors.