

## **Association of health literacy with postoperative outcomes in patients undergoing major abdominal surgery.**

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Patients' [health literacy](#) can have have profound [safety implications](#). This retrospective study found that patients with low health literacy undergoing major abdominal surgery experienced a longer length of stay during the index hospitalization.