

Unintentionally retained guidewires: a descriptive study of 73 sentinel events.

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This retrospective review examines incidents of retained guidewires reported to [The Joint Commission](#). Researchers identified numerous contributing factors to these events, most frequently relating to [human factors](#), leadership, and communication. The authors conclude that multicomponent strategies to prevent incidents involving retained foreign objects are needed.