

Is there evidence of a July effect among patients undergoing hysterectomy surgery?

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Substantial debate continues as to whether the [July effect](#)—an increase in preventable adverse events in the summer when new resident physicians [begin their training](#)—represents a [real phenomenon](#). Analyzing data across Maryland, investigators found no evidence for a seasonal increase in hysterectomy complication rates. A [WebM&M commentary](#) discussed possible interventions to reduce errors and care disruptions in July.