

The impact of RVU-based compensation on patient safety outcomes in outpatient otolaryngology procedures.

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This pre–post study found that implementation of relative value unit–based payment in a head and neck surgery practice resulted in a higher volume of procedures. The incidence of adverse outcomes, including postoperative hospitalizations, [infections](#), unplanned return surgeries, and emergency department visits, did not change. The authors conclude that the change in payment structure did not impact [surgical safety](#).