

Safety and communication in the operating room: a safety questionnaire after the implementation of a blood-borne pathogen exposure checkpoint in the surgical safety checklist preprocedure time-out.

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Although the literature surrounding the [efficacy](#) of surgical safety checklists has been [controversial](#) at times, such checklists are generally viewed as improving patient safety if [implemented effectively](#). Investigators examined the effectiveness of implementing a blood-borne pathogen exposure checkpoint within the surgical safety checklist at a single institution. Survey data obtained from operating room personnel revealed that the intervention was associated with perceptions of improved safety and operating room communication. They also found a decrease in reported blood-borne pathogen exposure incidents after implementation of the checkpoint as compared to before.