

How does the WHO Surgical Safety Checklist fit with existing perioperative risk management strategies? An ethnographic study across surgical specialties.

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This qualitative study examined how perioperative teams integrate [surgical safety checklists](#) into daily surgical practice and existing risk management strategies. [Perceived usefulness](#) was the primary factor associated with use (69%); nurse anesthetists and anesthesiologists were more likely than other provider types to express that their existing safety protocols were sufficient and that elements of the checklist are redundant. The perception of usefulness was found to have considerable impact on checklist execution and communication, and the tool is most effective when it is an integrated part of the multidisciplinary risk management strategy.