

Association of intraoperative anaesthesia handovers with patient morbidity and mortality: a systematic review and meta-analysis.

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[Handoffs](#) between providers can introduce patient safety [risks](#). This systematic review explored the impacts of intraoperative [anesthesia](#) handovers (e.g., intraoperative relief, transferring care to an incoming provider) on patient safety outcomes. The researchers pooled four studies and found that an intraoperative anesthesia handover significantly increases the risk of an adverse event by 40%.