

Time out! Rethinking surgical safety: more than just a checklist.

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[Checklists](#) are widely used strategies for [error reduction](#) and improved communication. This editorial discusses the [limitations](#) of checklists for perioperative safety (i.e., when used in isolation or implemented incorrectly) and suggests that safety initiatives taking a systems-oriented approach and organizational buy-in can lead to both perioperative and general safety improvements.