

The July Effect in podiatric medicine and surgery residency.

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The "[July Effect](#)" refers to the idea there may be an increase in medical [errors](#) in July when newly graduated medical students begin their residencies. In this retrospective chart review of podiatric surgery patients, researchers did not find any statistically significant difference in patient outcomes between surgeries performed during the first quarter of residency (July-September) and the last quarter (April-June). Results suggest robust [resident](#) training programs can [limit](#) errors that may otherwise occur during this time of transition.