

Performance variability in perioperative sentinel events: report on a nationwide data set.

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Organizational, environmental, and work-related factors can contribute to [performance variations](#) and [human error](#) during healthcare delivery. This study examined perioperative sentinel events reported to a Dutch database over a one-year period. It found that although performance variability continued in almost all events, it was rarely explicitly mentioned in incident reports or represented in resulting improvement measures. The authors suggest that explicitly addressing performance variability in sentinel event analyses can lead to more effective improvement measures that account for human performance in healthcare.