

Surgery is in itself a risk factor for the patient.

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Preventable [adverse events](#) (AE) can occur across medical settings. This study of patients admitted to a surgical ward in Spain compared rates of AE in operated and non-operated patients. Operated patients were more than twice as likely to experience an AE compared with non-operated patients. The most common AE was [infection](#) following surgery, affecting 24% of operated and 9% of non-operated patients.