

Does standardisation improve post-operative anaesthesia handoffs? Meta-analyses on provider, patient, organisational, and handoff outcomes.

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Structured [handoffs](#) support appropriate communication between teams or departments when transferring responsibility for care. This meta-analysis aimed to determine if structured, standardized post-operative anesthesia handoffs improved provider, patient, organizational and handoff outcomes. Postoperative outcomes moved in a generally [positive](#) direction when compared with non-standardized handoffs. The authors suggest additional research into pre- and [intra-operative](#) handoffs is needed.