

Trial and error: learning from malpractice claims in childhood surgery.

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Hospitalized children are [vulnerable](#) to patient safety risks. Using a large malpractice claims database, researchers found that a wide range of [pediatric surgical specialties](#) – including orthopedics, general surgery, and otolaryngology – are most frequently associated with malpractice lawsuits. The study identified several potentially modifiable factors (i.e., patient evaluations, technical performance, and communication) that can lead to [improvements](#) in pediatric surgical safety.