

To err is human, but what happens when surgeons err?

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Clinicians involved in adverse events may experience feelings of guilt, shame, and inadequacy; this is referred to as “[second victim](#)” phenomenon. In this study of pediatric surgeons and surgical trainees, 84% experienced a poor patient outcome. Responses to the adverse event varied by level of experience (e.g., [resident](#), attending), gender, and age.