

## **Standardization of pediatric noncardiac operating room to intensive care unit handoffs improves communication and patient care.**

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[Handoffs](#) from one care team to another present significant risks to the patient if essential patient information is not [shared](#) or understood by all team members. Stakeholders at this children's hospital developed a structured tool for handoff between surgery and pediatric or neonatal intensive care units. Transfer of information and select patient outcomes [improved](#), handoff time was unchanged, and attendance by all team members increased.