

## Handoff tool improves transitions from the operating room to the neonatal intensive care unit.

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Structured handoff tools can improve situational awareness and patient [safety](#). This study describes the development and implementation of a bespoke tool for handoffs from the operating room to the [neonatal intensive care unit](#) (NICU). While use remained inconsistent during the study period, the goal of 80% compliance was achieved and 83% surveyed staff agreed or strongly agreed that the handoff provided needed information, up from 21% before implementation.