

## The ritualisation of the surgical safety checklist and its decoupling from patient safety goals.

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Surgical safety checklists (SSC) have been shown to improve patient safety, but several [studies](#) have exposed they are not always [completed](#) as intended. This ethnographic study concludes, through interviews, surveys, and observations, that the SCC tends to be completed as a perfunctory task, not to improve patient [safety](#).