

Judgment errors in surgical care.

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Knowing when judgment errors are more likely to occur can increase surgeons' [awareness](#) before, during, and after procedures. This study examined the records of 131 patients with 30-day morbidity or mortality to identify any [errors](#) in judgment that may have contributed to harm. Examples of errors in judgment included inappropriate operation, premature discharge, and premature removal of drain. Most errors occurred post-operatively (including after discharge) and in [colorectal](#) and hepatobiliary procedures.