

Safety of inpatient care in surgical settings: cohort study.

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Despite decades of safety improvement efforts, surgical [complications](#) continue to occur. In this multicenter retrospective study of 1,009 surgical patients, 38% experienced an adverse event and 15.9% experienced a [major adverse](#) event. Nearly 60% of adverse events were deemed potentially preventable. Adverse events involved all types of healthcare professionals and all areas of perioperative care (e.g., operating room, ICU).