

Longitudinal analysis of culture of patient safety survey results in surgical departments.

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The Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality [Surveys on Patient Safety Culture™ \(SOPS®\)](#) are used for assessing patient [safety culture](#) and can show trends when completed at multiple points in time. This study uses an innovative approach to analyze Hospital SOPS results longitudinally by calculating the difference between positive and negative responses (Delta). Results of the Delta analysis were similar to the traditional scoring method (percent of positive responses) and allowed for a more thorough understanding of survey results.