

## Failure to rescue female patients undergoing high-risk surgery.

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[Failure-to-rescue](#) (FTR) refers to the idea that many complications of medical care are not preventable and that healthcare systems should be able to rapidly identify and treat complications when they occur. In a retrospective study of Medicare beneficiaries from 2015 to 2020, researchers found that [female patients](#) undergoing high-risk surgeries had rates of complications similar to male patients but higher 30-day mortality and failure-to-rescue rates. These findings highlight a gender disparity in perioperative care and the need for better recognition and management of clinical deterioration in female patients.