

# Solving Distracted Doctoring From Smartphones And Tablets

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Imagine that your neurosurgeon, during surgery, was talking on his cellphone using a headset.

Unthinkable?

Well, no. A recent article in the *New York Times* cites a case where a patient was left paralyzed and the neurosurgeon was sued, in part, for being distracted. He made 10 personal calls during the operation.

The proliferation of [portable electronic devices](#) [1], smartphones, tablets, and the like, are driving the attention of health professionals away from patients.

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