

Distractions In OR Make Errors More Likely

Surgery residents committed eight times as many errors during simulated procedures when realistic distractions and interruptions were introduced than when they completed procedures without interruption, investigators reported.

The residents made major surgical errors during eight of 18 simulated procedures with distractions versus only one of 18 operations that occurred without intrusions.

Additionally, more than half of the residents forgot a key memory task related to the surgery when they were interrupted as compared with 22 percent during uninterrupted surgery, as reported online in Archives of Surgery.

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