

Anesthesia In Young Kids May Carry Developmental Risks

While surgery carries risks for anyone, “going under” can have some particular risks for the very young.

A study coming out in the September issue of [Pediatrics](#) [1] finds that children who have anesthesia before the age of 3, are at a higher risk for developmental delay issues later in life.

The study looked at more than 2,600 children in Australia who were tracked as part of the [Raine Study](#) [2]. Authors found that by the age of 10, children who’d been exposed to anesthesia at a young age were more than twice as likely to have developmental issues with listening and speaking comprehension.

[Continue reading...](#) [3]

Source URL (retrieved on 01/27/2015 - 11:17pm):

http://www.surgicalproductsmag.com/articles/2012/08/anesthesia-young-kids-may-carry-developmental-risks?qt-most_popular=0

Links:

[1] <http://pediatrics.aappublications.org/>

[2] <http://www.rainestudy.org.au/>

[3] http://thechart.blogs.cnn.com/2012/08/20/anesthesia-in-young-kids-may-carry-developmental-risks-embargo-monday-820-1201am/?hpt=hp_bn12