

Death After Surgery May Be More Common Than We Think

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In 2006, an otherwise healthy 53-year-old Ezekiel C. Mobley Jr. underwent routine surgery to remove an infected appendix. A Los Angeles native, he was planning to get back to hosting Pittsburgh's first Spanish-speaking television show. But he died before leaving the hospital.

"I was really shocked -- very, very shocked," said Ora Mobley Sweeting, a human rights activist and Mobley's mother. "Why did this happen to my son?"

A veteran with a master's degree from both Harvard University and the London School of Economics, Mobley passed away from unexpected complications after surgery because of "technology," Sweeting said.

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