

California DOH Continues Crack Down On Preventable Mistakes

The CDPH reported the patient had to undergo two additional surgeries after her hysterectomy to remove the sponge. This is reportedly the second penalty issued against the hospital since 2007. It was about this time that the CDHP began stepping up their punishments for hospitals and medical centers that were guilty of preventable mistakes.

Scripps, which reported the sponge as soon as it became aware of the situation, is now required to implement a plan of correction to prevent similar incidents in the future. The CDPH has issued nine other citations against six hospitals located outside San Diego County. Hospitals have been issued 114 fines over the past three years - the majority of which can be attributed to medication errors for objects mistakenly left inside patients during surgery.

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