Did you know?

The impact of retained surgical items

Retained surgical items

- Occur nearly 12 times a day in the U.S. alone\(^1\)
- Repeatedly remain the Joint Commission’s top sentinel event\(^{14}\)

Sponges are the #1 retained surgical item\(^{3-7}\)

- Vastly under-reported; only \(\sim 10\%\) of RSIs that actually occur\(^8\)
- Transpire in many departments; not just the O.R.\(^5\)
- Can happen nearly anywhere in the body\(^3\)

Discrepant or false correct counts

(Counts perceived correct, but actually aren’t)

- Occur in 88% of RSS cases\(^3\)
- Occur in 1 of 8 cases, or once per 14 hours of operating time\(^6\)
- Raise the likelihood of a retained item by 100\(^9\)
- Rank #8 on ECRI’s Top 10 Patient Safety Concerns\(^{10}\)

Grave cost

$600,000 average malpractice impact to a hospital\(^8\)

- Adds $94.50 to each surgery performed in the U.S.\(^7\)
- 94.4% of patients suffer permanent or temporary injury\(^{11}\)
- 4.5% of RSIs end in patient mortality\(^{11}\)
The SurgiCount® Safety Sponge® System: Tackling the troubles of RSS

Barcode reliability

- Clinically-proven to reduce miscounts and false correct counts ⁴
- Unique ID on every sponge/towel for 100% identification accuracy
- Unparalleled documentation and custom reports

Reinforces industry standards

- Mirrors AORN and hospital manual count protocols ¹²
- Supports compliance and third-party audits
- Aligns with calls to action by AORN, ACS, ECRI, The Joint Commission, government, The Pennsylvania Patient Safety Authority, No Thing Left Behind and The Leapfrog Group

Trusted by

- 500+ U.S. healthcare facilities
- 60% of the Top 10 Honor Roll Hospitals ¹³

Money back guarantee

- Up to $5 million in product-liability indemnification
- Up to a three-year rebate on the incremental cost of implementation

Proven performance

Since 2009:
11 million procedures
200 million Safety-Sponge products
500+ U.S. healthcare facilities
= 0 retained sponges

“The datamatrix-coded sponge system is a reliable and cost-effective technology that improves patient safety.” ⁴
Mayo Clinic

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