

Did you know?

The impact of retained surgical items

Retained surgical items

- Occur nearly 12 times a day in the U.S. alone¹
- Repeatedly remain the Joint Commission's top sentinel event¹⁴

Sponges are the #1 retained surgical item³⁻⁷

- Vastly under-reported; only ~10% of RSIs that actually occur⁸
- Transpire in many departments; not just the O.R.⁵
- Can happen nearly anywhere in the body³

Discrepant or false correct counts

(Counts perceived correct, but actually aren't)

- Occur in 88% of RSS cases³

Occur in 1 of 8 cases, or once per 14 hours of operating time⁶

- Raise the likelihood of a retained item by 100⁹
- Rank #8 on ECRI's Top 10 Patient Safety Concerns¹⁰

Grave cost

\$600,000 average malpractice impact to a hospital⁸

- Adds \$94.50 to each surgery performed in the U.S.⁷
- 94.4% of patients suffer permanent or temporary injury¹¹
- 4.5% of RSIs end in patient mortality¹¹



The SurgiCount® Safety Sponge® System:

Tackling the troubles of RSS



Barcode reliability

- Clinically-proven to reduce miscounts and false correct counts⁴
- Unique ID on every sponge/towel for 100% identification accuracy
- Unparalleled documentation and custom reports



Reinforces industry standards

- Mirrors AORN and hospital manual count protocols¹²
- 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 Hospitals¹³



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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