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
- 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
- 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

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.”

Mayo Clinic

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