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MEDICATION ERRORS OCCUR IN HALF OF ALL SURGERIES

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In a first-of-its-kind study measuring the incidence of medication errors and adverse drug events during the period immediately before, during and right after a surgical procedure, researchers found the following: “[S]ome sort of mistake or adverse event occurred in every second operation.”

Source:

Sue McGreevey, “Medication errors found in 1 out of 2 surgeries,” *Harvard Gazette*, October 25, 2015, <http://news.harvard.edu/gazette/story/2015/10/medication-errors-found-in-1-out-of-2-surgeries/>, discussing Karen C. Nanji et al., “Evaluation of Perioperative Medication Errors and Adverse Drug Events,” *Anesthesiology* (October 2015), <http://anesthesiology.pubs.asahq.org/article.aspx?articleid=2466532>.

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