Steady drop in incorrect surgical procedures

VA researchers tracked the rates of wrong-site surgery and other incorrect surgical procedures in VA between 2010 and 2017. They compared the results with those of similar studies dating back to 2001. The overall trend was a steady decline. The rate of reported adverse events in operating rooms dropped from 1.74 per 100,000 procedures to 0.47 per 100,000 procedures.

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