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 ~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)
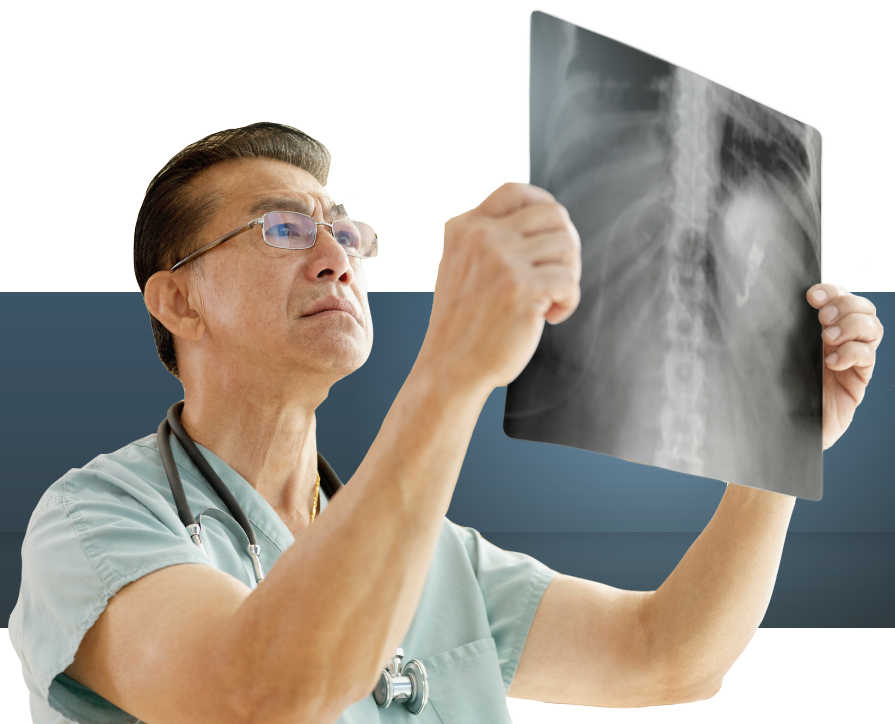
- Occur in 88% of RSS cases[3]

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]

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