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PATOLOGIE ORTOPEDICHE E IN RIABILITAZIONE:  
DAL PLANNING PREOPERATORIO ALLA STABILIZZAZIONE.**

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# EBM: complicanze ed errori, quali differenze da identificare in Chirurgia Ortopedica



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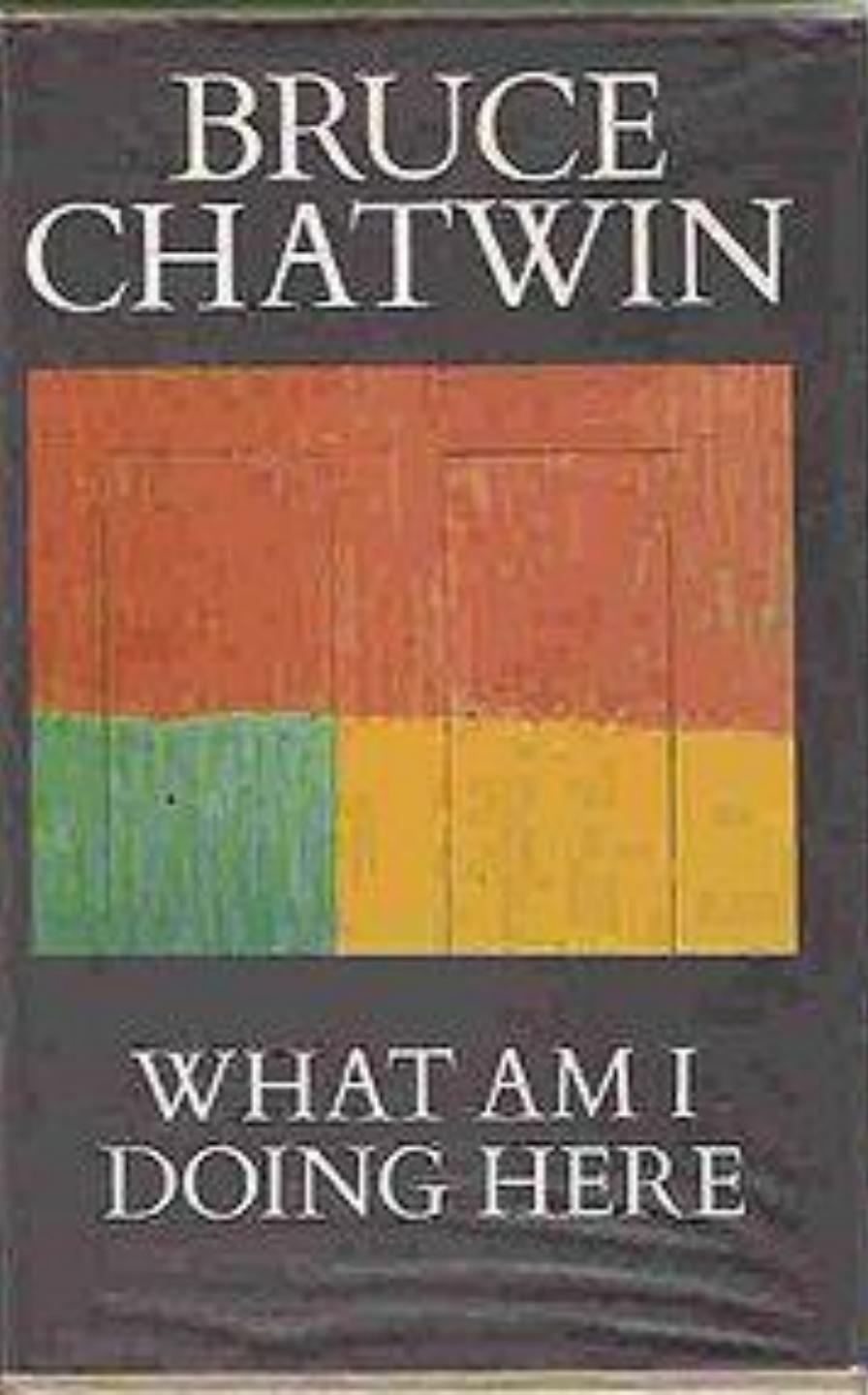
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- NHS approx. 40%
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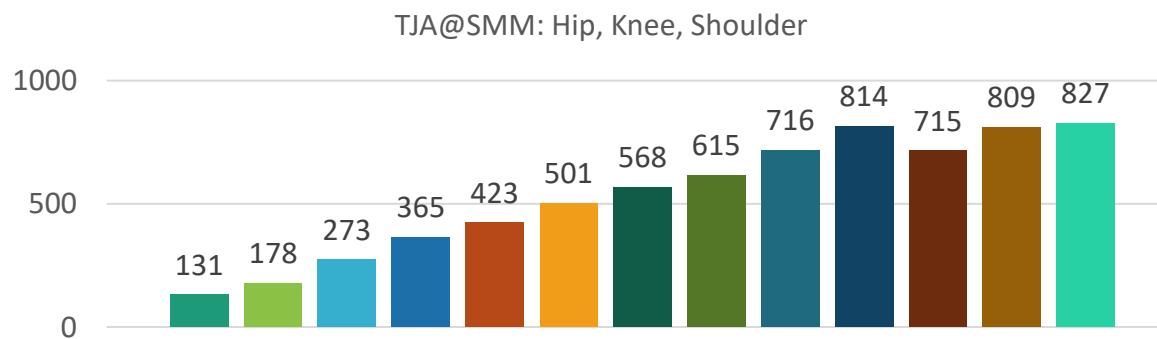
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# EBM, complicanze ed errori in chirurgia ortopedica e traumatologia

- Definizioni
- Tipologie di errori
- Misurazione/epidemiologia degli errori  
e delle complicanze
- Strategie di Prevenzione: valutazione dei  
risultati



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**LE CAUSE DI INSUCCESSO IN ORTOPEDIA**

E.B.M. identificazione dell'errore - **G. Zanoli**



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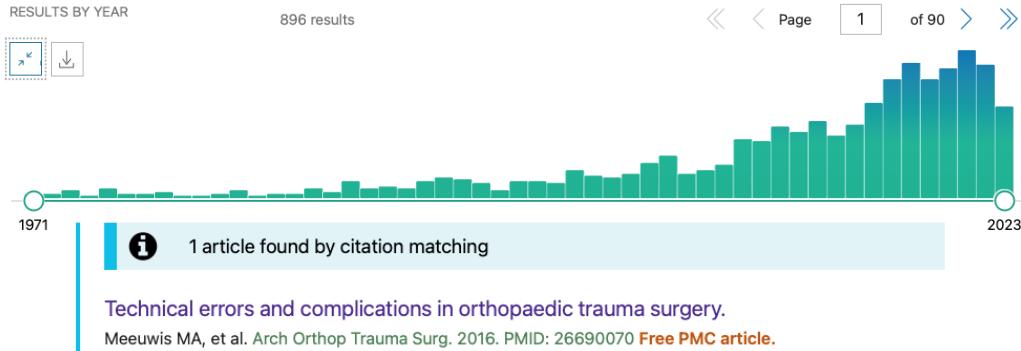
**LE COMPLICANZE  
IN ORTOPEDIA E TRAUMATOLOGIA**

09.00 Evidence Based Surgery - **G. Zanoli**



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# Complications and Errors in Orthopaedic Surgery



- Causal influence of muscle weakness on cardiometabolic diseases and osteoporosis.  
1 Mou X, He B, Zhang M, Zhu Y, Ou Y, Chen X.  
Cite Sci Rep. 2023 Nov 15;13(1):19974. doi: 10.1038/s41598-023-46837-y.  
Share PMID: 37968290 [Free PMC article.](#)  
Genetic predisposition to muscle weakness led to increased risk of coronary artery disease (inverse variance weighted [IVW] analysis, beta-estimate: 0.095, 95% confidence interval [CI]: 0.023 to 0.166, standard error [SE]: 0.036, P-value = 0.009) and reduced risk of heart f ...

- Complications Have Not Improved With Newer Generation Robots.  
2 Farivar D, Kim TT, Sy CA, Baron EM, Nomoto EK, Walker CT, Skaggs DL.  
Cite Global Spine J. 2023 Nov 15:21925682231216081. doi: 10.1177/21925682231216081. Online ahead of print.  
Share PMID: 37965963  
Half of these complications (3/6) were due to a reference frame error. In total, four patients (1.5%) required reoperation to fix 10 misplaced screws. CONCLUSION: Despite newer generation robots, robot related complications are not decreasing. As half the rob ...

- A random forest algorithm-based prediction model for moderate to severe acute postoperative pain after orthopaedic surgery under general anesthesia.  
3 Shi G, Liu G, Gao Q, Zhang S, Wang Q, Wu L, He P, Yu Q.  
Cite BMC Anesthesiol. 2023 Nov 6;23(1):361. doi: 10.1186/s12871-023-02328-1.  
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SIOT 2023

SABATO 11 NOVEMBRE

Sala Caravaggio

16:30 - 17:30

GLOBE - INTELLIGENZA ARTIFICIALE: AL FIANCO O AL POSTO DELL'ORTOPEDICO?

Moderatori: P. Tranquilli Leali (Roma), M. Venosa (Roma)

16:30 CHATGPT È PIÙ BRILLANTE DI ME. I NUOVI TEMPI DELLA PRODUZIONE SCIENTIFICA  
J. Ramazzotti\* (Milano), G. Tucci (Roma)

16:37 GOOGLE HEALTH SA MOLTE PIÙ COSE DI ME. LA DIAGNOSI AI TEMPI DEL MACHINE LEARNING  
A. Rizzo\* (Brescia), E. Romanini (Roma)

16:44 L'IA FA IL MEDICO MEGLIO DI ME? ETICA, CONOSCENZA E SANITÀ  
A. Mastregorai\* (Roma), R. Padua (Roma)

16:51 STIAMO SPRECANDO IL TALENTO DELL'IA? COSA VORREI CHE L'IA FACESSE PER ME  
R.M. Panzera\* (Roma), P. Berjano Coquillat (Monza)

16:58 DISCUSSIONE  
Discussori: G. Zanolli (Ferrara), M. Mazzoleni (L'Aquila)



Article

## Impact of System and Diagnostic Errors on Medical Litigation Outcomes: Machine Learning-Based Prediction Models

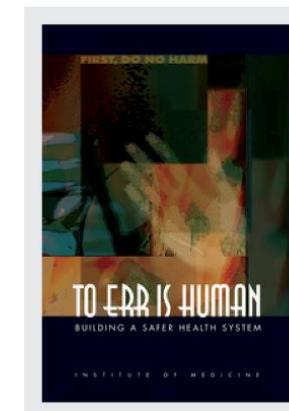
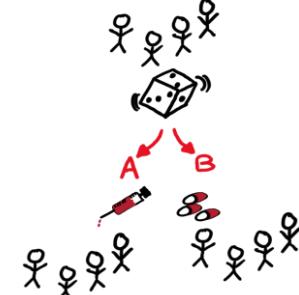
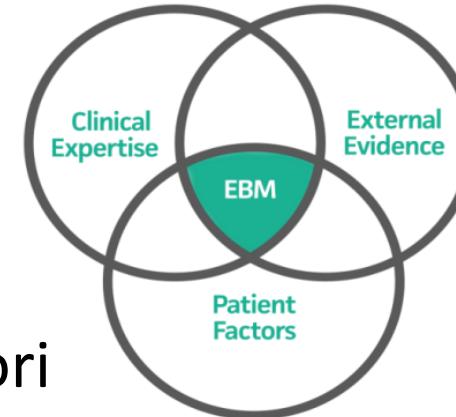
Norio Yamamoto <sup>1,2,3,\*</sup>, Shintaro Sukegawa <sup>4,†</sup> and Takashi Watari <sup>5,6,7</sup>

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# Effetti avversi...

- ...possono essere il risultato di complicazioni ed errori
- Non tutti gli errori conducono a una complicanza
- Le complicanze non sono solo causate da errori, ma possono essere dovute alla patologia (o al trattamento) in sé
- Complicanze:
  - Note, previste o prevedibili...
  - A volte prevenibili, mai del tutto eliminabili
- Errori
  - Idealmente da ridurre a 0
  - Ma... *Errare humanum est*



# Definizioni...

Arch Orthop Trauma Surg (2016) 136:185–193  
DOI 10.1007/s00402-015-2377-5

ORTHOPAEDIC SURGERY

## Technical errors and complications in orthopaedic trauma surgery

M. A. Meeuwis<sup>1</sup> · M. A. C. de Jongh<sup>2</sup> · J. A. Roukema<sup>1</sup> · F. H. W. M. van der Heijden<sup>1</sup> ·  
M. H. J. Verhofstad<sup>3</sup>

- A medical error is defined as an act of omission or commission in planning or execution that contributes or could contribute to an unintended result.
- A complication was defined according to the Association of Surgeons of the Netherlands as a condition or event, unfavourable to the patient's health, causing irreversible damage or requiring a change in therapeutic policy



## Technical errors and complications in orthopaedic trauma surgery

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# ...Risultati

- In 78 (1.8 %) of all 4310 osteosynthesis procedures an **error** in osteosynthesis was registered. The number of procedures in which an error was registered was significantly lower when an orthopaedic trauma surgeon was present (OR = 0.53; p = 0.007).
- One or more postoperative **complications** were registered in 745 of all 3758 operated patients (19.8 %). This was excluding errors in osteosynthesis. There was no significant difference in the number of postoperative complications after procedures in which an orthopaedic trauma surgeon was present or absent (16.7 vs. 19.1 %; OR = 0.85; p = 0.088). The age of patients was significantly higher (55 vs. 45 years;  $p < 0.001$ ) in the group of procedures followed by a complication. In addition, these procedures followed by a complication had a longer duration of 18 min ( $p < 0.001$ ) and were more often performed in an emergency setting ( $p = 0.001$ ).

# Errori di esecuzione:

13% degli errori in chirurgia ortopedica (Wong 2009)

Background Information, Expert Opinion, Non-EBM Guidelines

- Negligenza, imperizia, imprudenza...
- Curva di apprendimento
- Stanchezza/stress

## Possibili risposte:

- Insegnamento, esercitazione, addestramento
- Adeguamento turni e personale
- Navigazione, CAOS, Robotica...



## ARTHROSCOPIC SIMULATION: THE FUTURE OF SURGICAL TRAINING

A Systematic Review

Systematic Reviews

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### Abstract

**Background:** Arthroscopic simulation has rapidly evolved recently with the introduction of higher-fidelity simulation models, such as virtual reality simulators, which provide trainees an environment to practice skills without causing undue harm to patients. Simulation training also offers a uniform approach to learn surgical skills with immediate feedback. The aim of this article is to review the recent research investigating the use of arthroscopy simulators in training and the teaching of surgical skills.

**Methods:** A systematic review of the Embase, MEDLINE, and Cochrane Library databases for English-language articles published before December 2019 was conducted. The search terms included arthroscopy or arthroscopic in combination with simulation or simulator.

**Results:** We identified a total of 44 relevant studies involving benchtop or virtually simulated ankle, knee, shoulder, and hip arthroscopy environments. The majority of these studies demonstrated construct and transfer validity; considerably fewer studies demonstrated content and face validity.

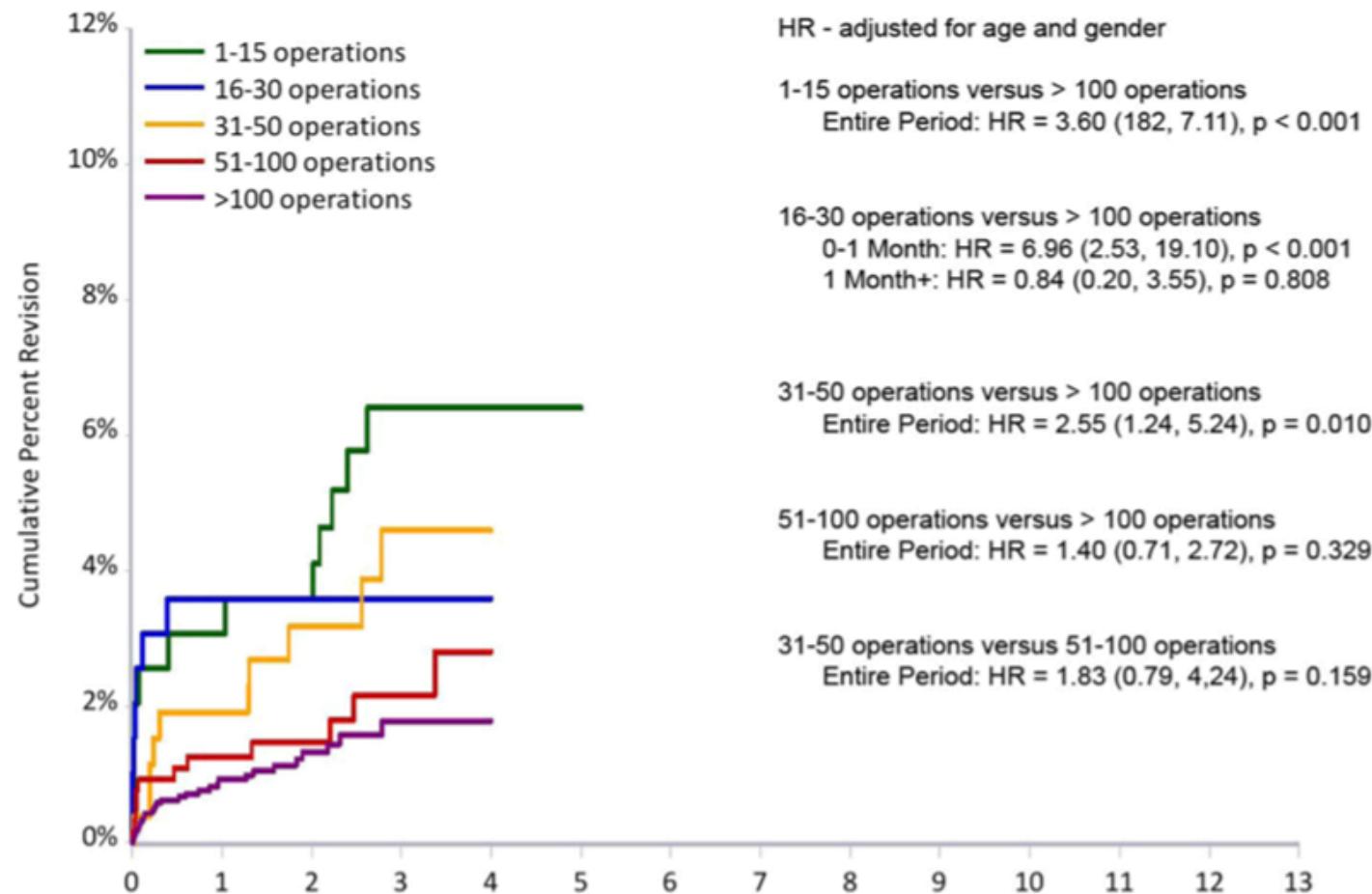
**Conclusions:** Our review indicates that there is a considerable evidence base regarding the use of arthroscopy simulators for training purposes. Further work should focus on the development of a more uniform simulator training course that can be compared with current intraoperative training in large-scale trials with long-term follow-up at tertiary centers.



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REVIEWS

# Learning curve 1



For surgeons who have performed >100 procedures, revision rate reduced **from 6% for the first 15 procedures to 2% after first 100**.

de Steiger CORR 2015

## Learning curve 2

Acta Orthopaedica 2013; 84 (1): 25–31

25

### Hip prosthesis introduction and early revision risk A nationwide population-based study covering 39,125 operations

Mikko Peltola<sup>1</sup>, Antti Malmivaara<sup>1</sup>, and Mika Paavola<sup>1,2</sup>

The **first 15 operations** with a new stem or cup model had an increased risk of early revision surgery.

The **risk of early revision** at the implementation phase should be considered when a new type of THA is brought into use.

Peltola Acta Orthop 2013



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# Learning curve 3

CLINICAL ORTHOPAEDICS AND RELATED RESEARCH  
Number 290, pp. 87-95  
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## Operative Treatment in 120 Displaced Intraarticular Calcaneal Fractures

Results Using a Prognostic Computed Tomography Scan Classification

ROY SANDERS, M.D., PAUL FORTIN, M.D., THOMAS DiPASQUALE, D.O.,  
AND ARTHUR WALLING, M.D.

When results were compared by year, a distinct learning curve appeared (Tables 3 and 4). The worst results occurred at the start of the series, whereas the number of excellent-good results improved each successive year (1987, 24%; 1988, 54%; 1989, 73%; 1990, 84%). When these data were further analyzed with respect to fracture type and year, it appeared that Type II articular fractures were easier to fix than Type III articular fractures. With time, even Type III results improved. Despite a better outcome for Type II and III articular fractures over time, however, the results of operative intervention in Type IV articular fractures were not improved on even after four years.

Sanders et al., CORR 1993



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# Errori di identificazione paziente, lato, sito ecc.

Systematic Reviews

- 106 lavori
  - 39 prevalenza, 44 cause, 40 interventi
- Lavori su Prevalenza:
  - Registrazione
  - Braccialetto
  - Cartella errata e ordini medicinali
  - Amministrazione
  - Chirurgia
  - Radiologia
  - Laboratorio
  - Trasfusioni

## Patient Safety is No Accident: Orthopaedic Surgery Error Data May Be Misleading; Citing National Figures

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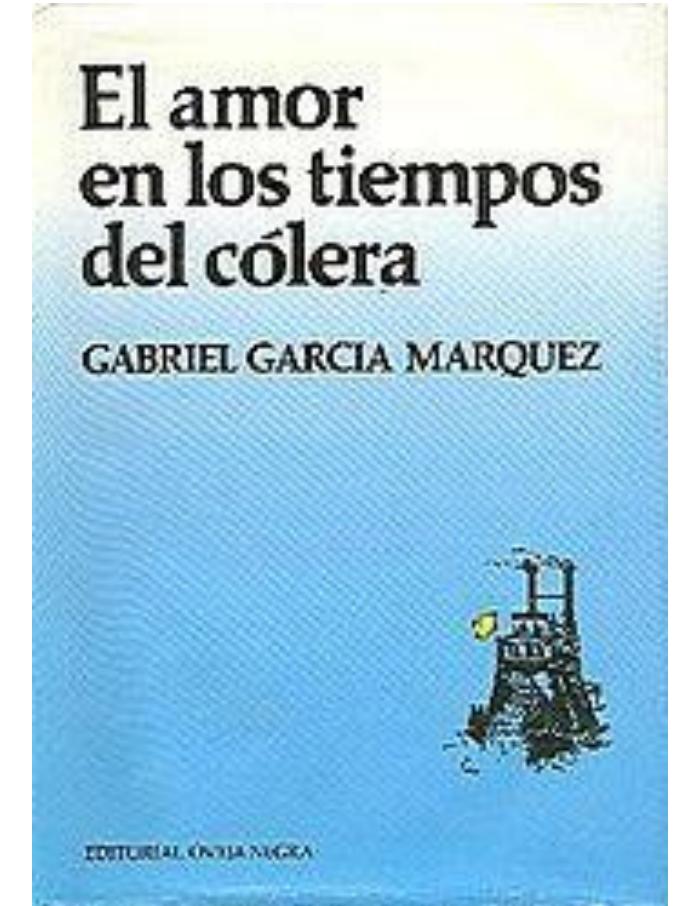
# Errori di indicazione

- Subdoli
- Buonafede o malafede?
- Chi può valutarli? In quale contesto?
- Ruolo dei produttori



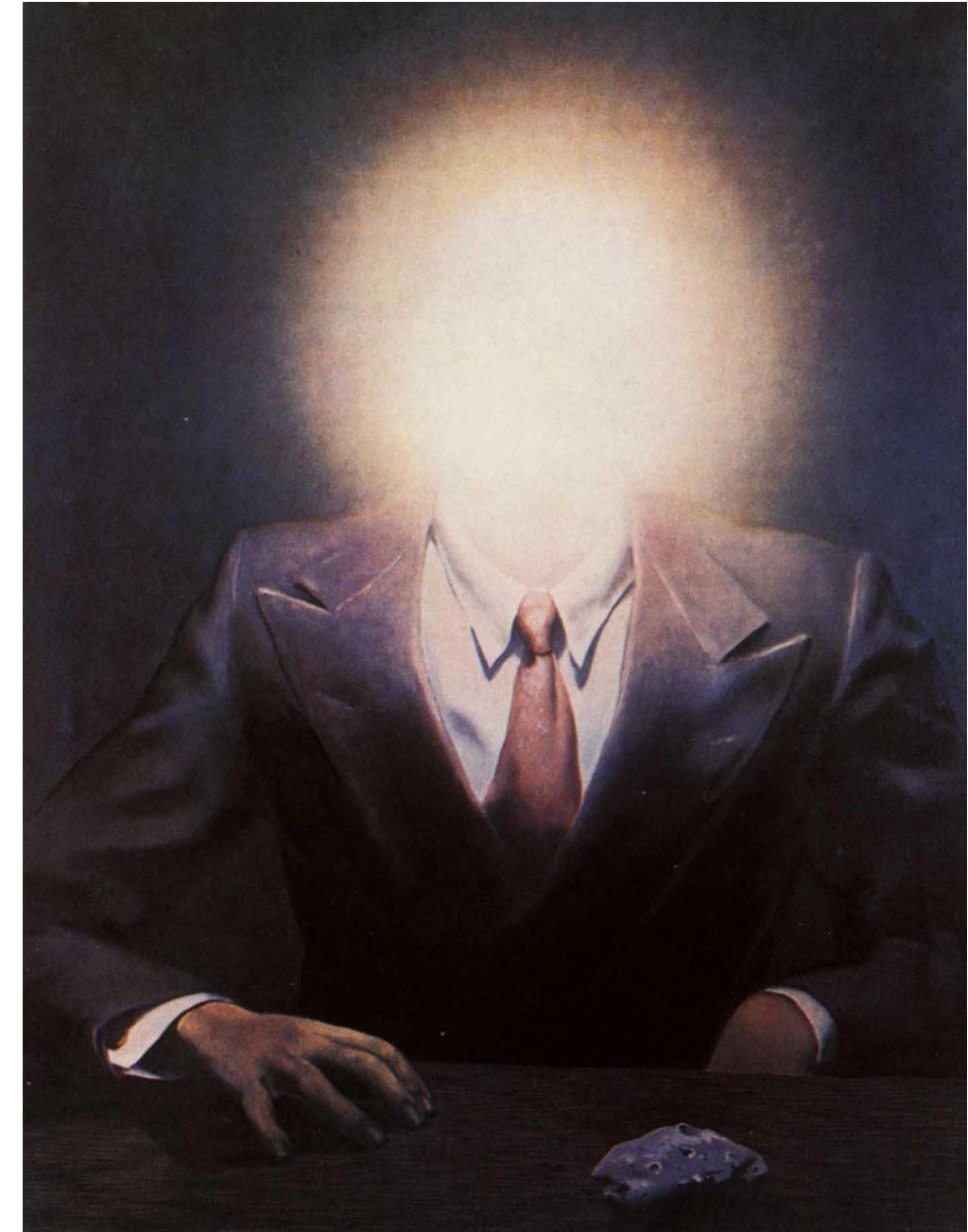
# La Medicina ai tempi del DRG

- Personaggi:
- Pazienti
- Medici
- “Aziende”
  - Università
  - Ospedali
  - Privati
- Istituzioni di controllo
  - Agenzie
  - ISS
- Governo
  - Locale
  - Nazionale
- Aziende
  - Farmaci
  - Impianti
  - Congressi



# Regole del gioco

- Ufficiale: Appropriatezza
  - Fare bene le cose giuste alle persone giuste nel momento giusto nel luogo giusto
- Non scritta: DRG = prodotto
  - Produrre più DRG possibile, operare il più possibile

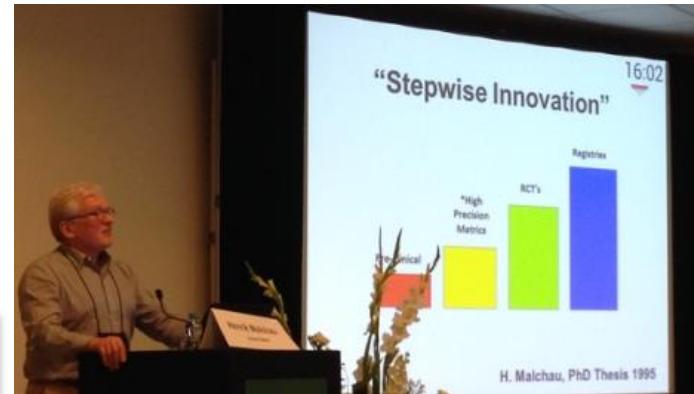
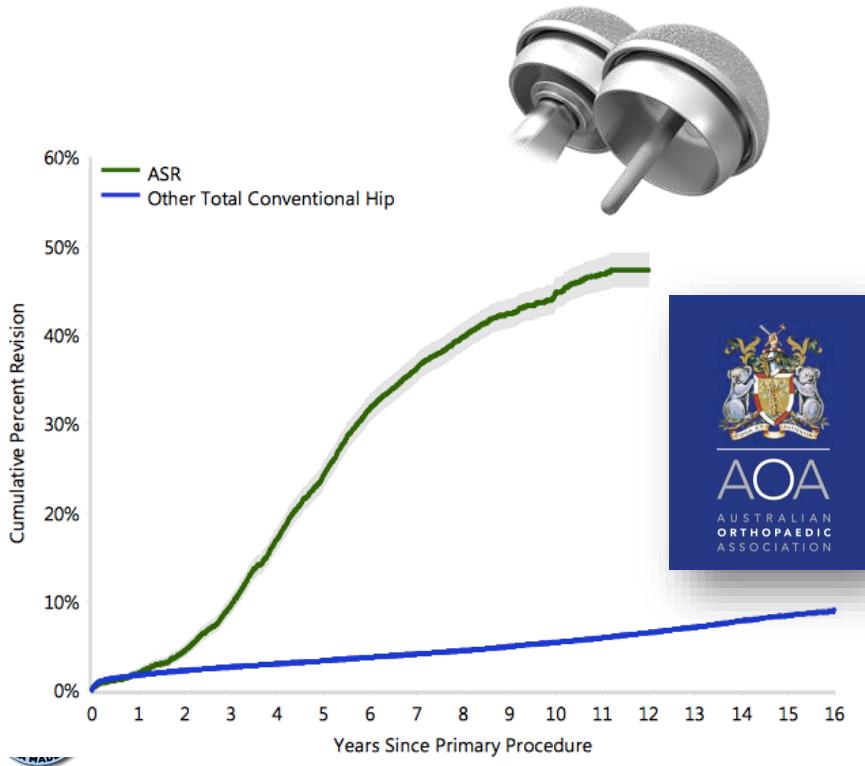


# Stepwise innovation or Failed innovation?

Lack of evidence—the anti-stepwise introduction of metal-on-metal hip replacements

A systematic review and a comparative assessment of the literature and registry data

Aleksi REITO<sup>1</sup>, Lari LEHTOVIRTA<sup>1,2</sup>, Olli LAINIALA<sup>1</sup>, Keijo MÄKELÄ<sup>3</sup>, and Antti ESKELINEN<sup>1</sup>



2003



2013



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# Responsabilità dei produttori

Cureus

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## The Impact of Sterile Instrument Set Wrapping Defects on Trauma and Orthopaedic Surgery Theatre Lists

Fitzgerald Anazor<sup>1</sup>, Yusumuzi Sibanda<sup>1</sup>, Kalsoom Altaf<sup>1</sup>, Lisa Downer<sup>2</sup>, Jai Relwani<sup>1</sup>

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## Patient Safety in Surgery



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## Errors in handling and manufacturing of orthopaedic implants: the tip of the iceberg of an unrecognized system problem?

Johannes K Fakler\*, Yohan Robinson, Christoph E Heyde and Thilo John

*47 pazienti consecutivi, protesi da cementare  
impiantata come non cementata*

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Medical Device Recalls in Orthopedics: Recent Trends and Areas for Improvement

Sravya P. Vajapey, MD, MBA • Mengnai Li, MD, PhD

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Recalls

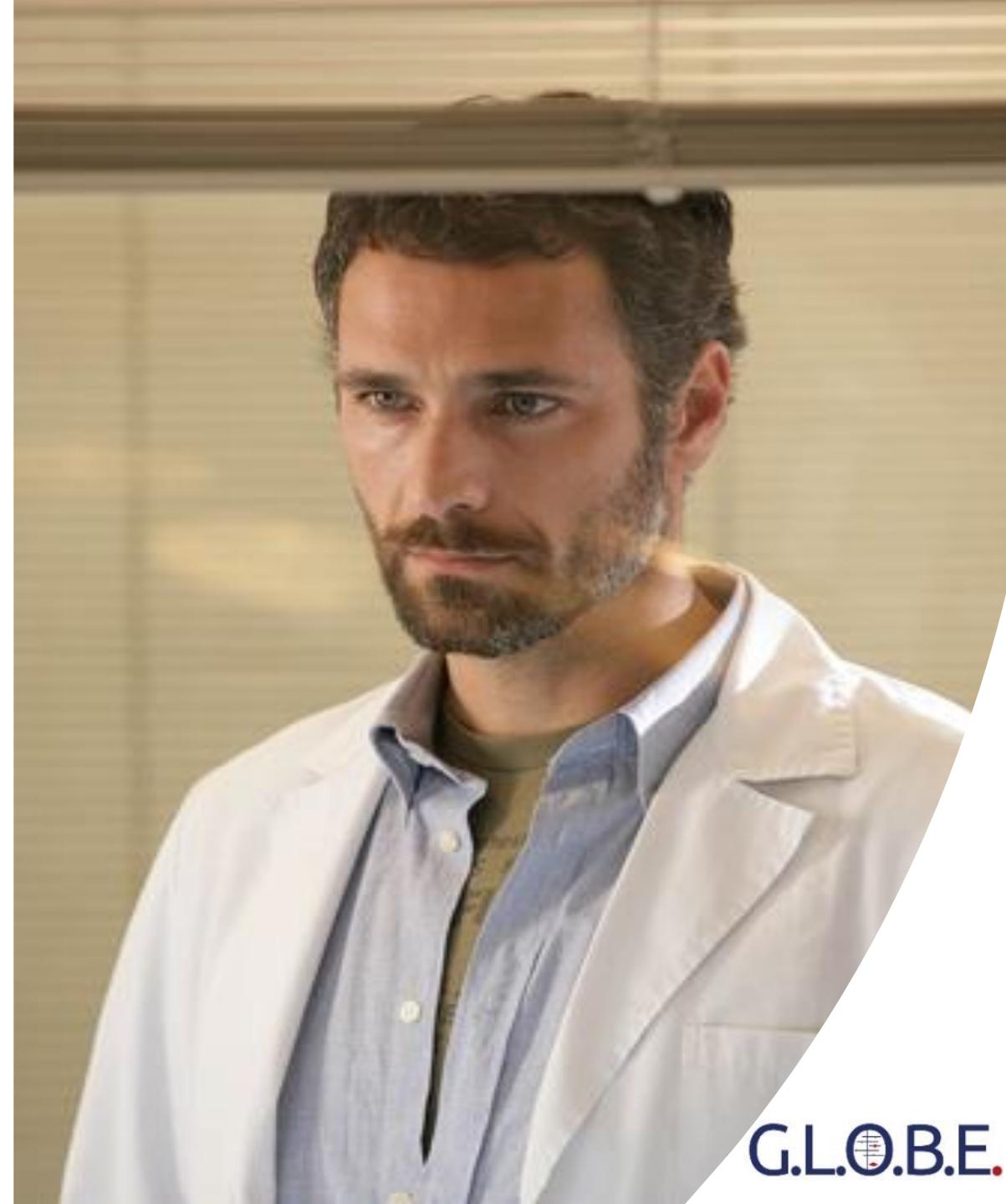
*Orthopedic device recalls remain a significant concern and constitute, on average, 16.6% of all class II medical device recalls from 2015 to 2019. Packaging errors were the most common reasons for orthopedic device recalls, followed by design flaws and manufacturing issues*



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# Errori di comunicazione

- Mancata comunicazione fra professionisti:
  - 24,7% degli errori in ortopedia (Wong 2009)
  - 48,6% degli errori di lato (Stahel 2010)
  - 100% degli errori di persona (Stahel 2010)
- Mancata comunicazione con pazienti (anche sulle complicatezze):
  - Errori di comunicazione medico-paziente
  - Errori causati da comunicazione medico-paziente



# Ortopedici...incerti?

Clin Orthop Relat Res (2015) 473:3564–3572  
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SYMPOSIUM: PSYCHOSOCIAL ASPECTS OF MUSCULOSKELETAL ILLNESS

## Do Surgeons Treat Their Patients Like They Would Treat Themselves?

Clin Orthop Relat Res (2016) 474:1360–1369  
DOI 10.1007/s11999-015-4623-0

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## Do Orthopaedic Surgeons Acknowledge Uncertainty?

Teun Teunis MD, Stein Janssen MD, Thierry G. Guitton MD, PhD,  
David Ring MD, PhD, Robert Parisien MD



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The Art of Acknowledging that We Know Nearly Nothing

Jimmie Leppink



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# Comunicare (l'incertezza), sulle Complicanze



The image shows a journal article cover. At the top left is the logo of AMEEMR (Association for Medical Education in the Eastern Mediterranean Region). Next to it is the CrossMark logo. In the center, it says "Available online at [www.sciencedirect.com](http://www.sciencedirect.com)". Below that is the ScienceDirect logo. To the right is the journal title "Health Professions Education" with the volume information "4 (2018) 97–106". At the bottom left is the article title "Communication Skills in Patient-Doctor Interactions: Learning from Patient Complaints". At the bottom right is the author list "Janine W.Y. Kee<sup>a,\*</sup>, Hwee Sing Khoo<sup>b</sup>, Issac Lim<sup>b</sup>, Mervyn Y.H. Koh<sup>c</sup>".

*Four main themes of communication errors were identified, namely: non-verbal (eye contact, facial expression and paralanguage), verbal (active listening and inappropriate choice of words), and content (poor quantity and quality of information provided); and poor attitudes (lack of respect and empathy)*

*The only effective and ultimately the only correct recommendation is to openly address the complication of PJI. The patient should be informed of the possibility of an infection as soon as possible and undergo appropriate diagnostic tests. This can only be done through an open and honest dialogue with the patient. Complaints are unnecessary and irrelevant, due to hygiene standards observed in most operating rooms around the world. As a rule, PJIs should be considered a random event. Responsibilities can be attributed to the surgeon or to the attending physician only in the case of delays or a wait-and-see approach to diagnostic outcomes and subsequent treatment. In a nutshell, the best thing is to be honest.*

Parvizi and Gehrke cit in Basile 2021



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# Recognising and dealing with complications in orthopaedic surgery

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<sup>3</sup>People's Hospital of Rizhao, China

## ABSTRACT

Orthopaedic surgeons need information about the complications they are likely to encounter. The literature on complications is difficult to interpret owing to a lack of agreed definitions, problems with collecting accurate data and with data interpretation. We suggest a role for the Royal College of Surgeons and specialist societies in collecting and interpreting complications data.

## KEYWORDS

Orthopaedic – Complications



# Consenso informato

## 4. Fattori di rischio

Alcune patologie, terapie farmacologiche in corso e altre condizioni soggettive possono causare un aumento delle condizioni di rischio per questo tipo di intervento (vedere anche il punto successivo "Possibili complicanze"). Tra i più comuni fattori di rischio ci sono:

- Età avanzata
- Obesità
- Malnutrizione
- Fumo
- Abuso di alcool o sostanze stupefacenti
- Pregressi interventi
- Presenza di impianti precedenti
- Osteoporosi
- Diabete
- Patologie cardiovascolari
- Patologie reumatologiche o autoimmuni
- Patologie neurologiche
- Patologie respiratorie
- Patologie cutanee

Questa lista non è esaustiva, e nel caso lei sospetti di avere una condizione che aumenta il suo rischio operatorio ne discuta con il chirurgo e l'anestesista. Alcune di queste condizioni sono modificabili e andrebbero corrette per quanto possibile prima dell'intervento, è possibile che in alcuni casi per questo motivo il suo intervento venga posposto o sospeso. In questi casi le verranno fornite informazioni da condividere anche con il suo medico curante.

## 5. Possibili complicanze dell'intervento

Durante e dopo l'intervento si possono manifestare le seguenti complicanze, riportate in letteratura con una frequenza complessiva compresa tra 0,1% (ovvero un caso su mille) e il 3,0% (tre casi su cento) degli interventi, a seconda delle casistiche.

Nello specifico le principali possibili complicanze sono le seguenti (tra parentesi le percentuali di frequenza note):

- lesioni vascolari/emorragie, ematomi, trombosi venose-embolie polmonari; lesioni neurologiche periferiche con paralisi o paresi, danni cerebrali (2-3%);
- infezioni acute, subacute, tardive (1%); diabete, obesità, ipertensione e altre patologie e/o condizioni espongono a un rischio maggiore per questa complicanza;
- usura delle componenti protesiche; rottura della protesi stessa (1%);
- lussazioni articolari (<1%);
- fratture intra e post-operatorie (<1%);
- complicanze cardiache, polmonari e/o sistemiche o evoluzione di precedenti patologie con possibilità anche di esito letale (0,4%);
- anemia postchirurgica
- deiscenza ferita chirurgica; cicatrici inestetiche e/o dolorose; cheloidi;
- necrosi cutanea, in particolare in presenza di pregresse cicatrici chirurgiche
- insufficiente articolarietà;
- allungamento o accorciamento dell'arto;
- mobilizzazione asettica della protesi;
- inidoneo posizionamento delle componenti protesiche;
- presenza di rumori articolari durante la mobilizzazione e/o la deambulazione;
- dolore persistente;
- zoppia;
- calcificazioni periarticolari e ossificazioni eterotopiche;
- allergie/sensibilizzazioni a componenti metalliche precedentemente ignote al paziente;
- altre complicanze statisticamente meno frequenti;
- complicanze conseguenti alle procedure anestesiologiche di cui discuterà con l'anestesista.

In caso di intervento di revisione tali complicanze possono aumentare in percentuale considerevole.



# Misure di errore e complicanze

J Gen Intern Med. 2003

Morbidity and Mortality Conferences and Autopsy

Malpractice Claims Analysis

Error Reporting Systems

Administrative Data Analysis

Chart Review

Electronic Medical Record Review

Observation of Patient Care

Clinical Surveillance

## Measuring Errors and Adverse Events in Health Care

Eric J. Thomas, MD, MPH, Laura A. Petersen, MD, MPH

In this paper, we identify 8 methods used to measure errors and adverse events in health care and discuss their strengths and weaknesses. We focus on the reliability and validity of each, as well as the ability to detect latent errors (or system errors) versus active errors and adverse events. We propose a general framework to help health care providers, researchers, and administrators choose the most appropriate methods to meet their patient safety measurement goals.

**KEY WORDS:** medical error; adverse events; patient safety; measurement.

**J GEN INTERN MED 2003;18:61-67.**



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# Misurazione/epidemiologia delle complicatezze e degli errori. Numeri attendibili?

- Surveys di chirurghi
- Analisi retrospettiva di database locali/nazionali
- Studi osservazionali

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# Esempio di Classificazione in base al danno

- **Nessuno**, no harm  
(near miss)
- **Minore**, low harm  
(minimal harm—patient(s) required extra observation or minor treatment)
- **Moderato**, moderate harm  
(short-term harm—patient(s) required further treatment, or procedure)
- **Grave**, severe harm (permanent or long-term harm)
- **Morte**, death

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A total of 257 incident reports were analysed. Four main thematic categories emerged. These were: (1) stages of the surgical journey – 118/191 (62%) of deaths occurred in the post-operative phase; (2) causes of patient deaths – 32% were related to severe infections; (3) reported quality of medical interventions – 65% of patients experienced minimal or delayed treatment; (4) skills of healthcare professionals – 44% of deaths had a failure in non-technical skills

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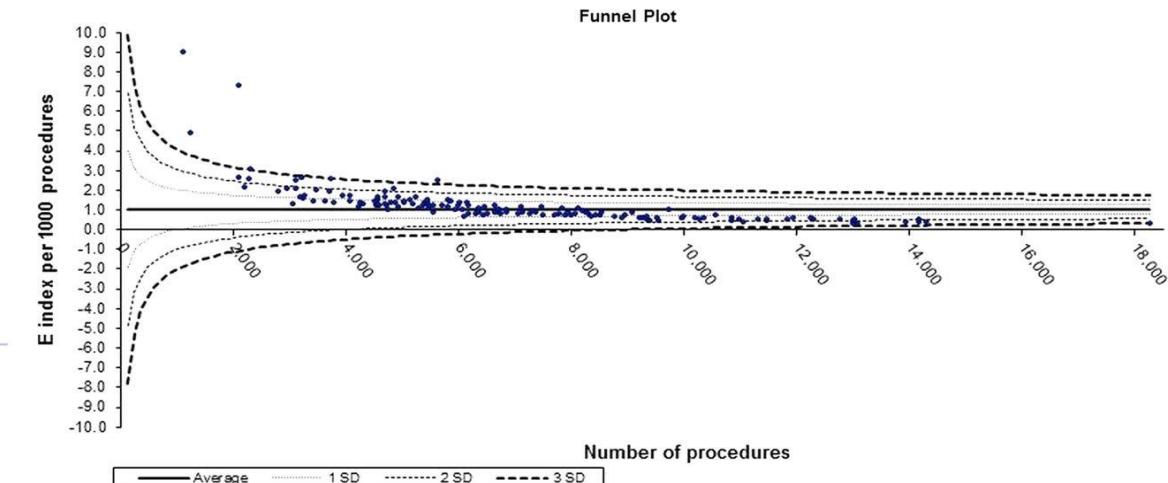
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## BMJ Open The orthopaedic error index: development and application of a novel national indicator for assessing the relative safety of hospital care using a cross-sectional approach

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- Orthopaedic error index:  
$$E = 0.5P + 0.5S$$
- Frequenza percentuale (P = propensity)
- Danno provocato (S = Severity)
- Da 0 a 100

Orthopaedic Error Index for all hospitals in England.



Among the 155 hospitals, 5 lay outside the prespecified control limits. These were hospitals that had relatively small numbers of procedures, but high OEI values. Of note, there is an almost linear association with larger hospitals having fewer errors.



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## The impact of system and diagnostic errors for medical litigation outcomes in orthopedic surgery

Norio Yamamoto <sup>a, b</sup>, Takashi Watari <sup>c, d</sup> , Ayako Shibata <sup>e</sup>, Tomoyuki Noda <sup>f</sup>, Toshifumi Ozaki <sup>g</sup>

*All of the claims in which the orthopedic surgeon lost were associated with a diagnostic or system error, with the most common one being system error.*

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## Litigations in orthopedics and trauma surgery: reasons, dynamics, and profiles

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Review article: Current literature on surgical checklists and handoff tools and application for orthopaedic surgery

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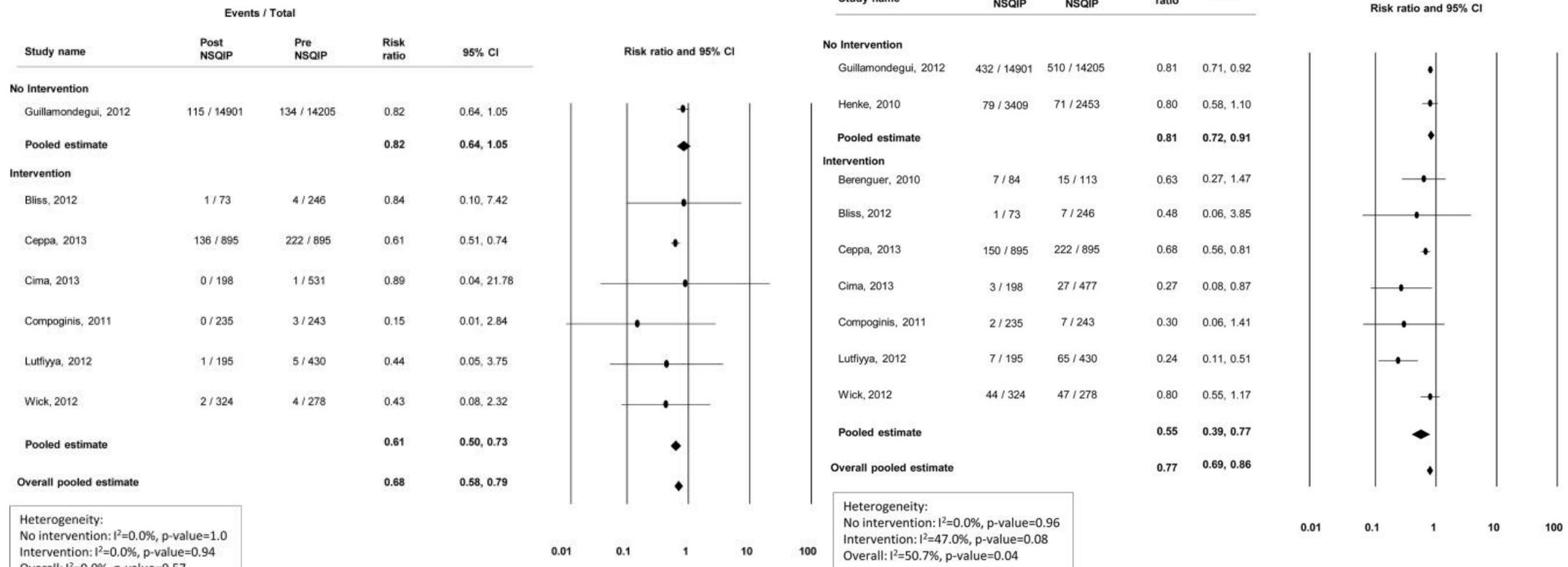
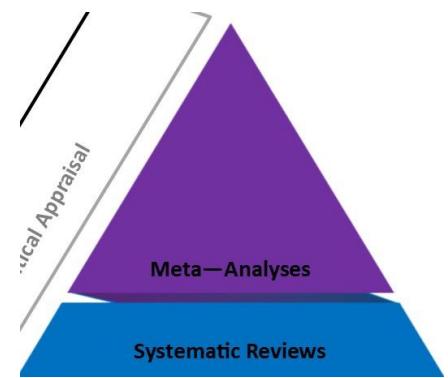
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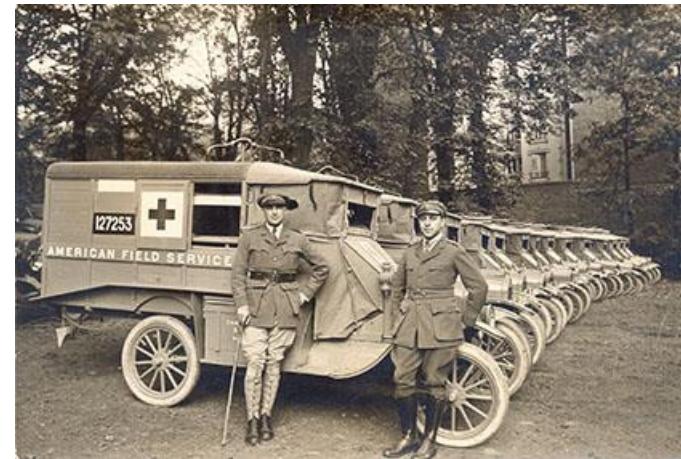
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# Evitare l'inferno

There are certainly cases of gross misconduct and malpractice, and we must always protect our patients. We should neither apologize for nor excuse inappropriately performed surgeries. It is our professional, ethical, and moral duty to regulate surgeons who may routinely cause harm due to negligence or poor skill. However, poor patient outcomes occur at the hands of excellent surgeons as well, and we should always remember that the vast majority of orthopedic surgeons carry with them the same desire to do well by their patients and provide excellent care. **We challenge you to take into account all these considerations when speaking to patients about their previous orthopedic care.**



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## Orthopedics in Glass Houses

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When you judge others, you do not define them, you define yourself.  
Wayne Dyer

"We got another disaster from the outside hospital," my resident reported (Figure 1). "Does this guy know anything about ankle fractures?" Upon examining the radiograph I paused to consider the situation that the surgeon may have found himself in. But what do I tell my patient? What lessons can my resident learn?

Much has been written regarding the disclosure of medical errors to patients, and there is increasing literature regarding disclosure of errors made by one's colleagues. Gallagher et al recently convened a panel of experts from various fields including patient safety, malpractice law, bioethics, and health policy and published various recommendations for disclosure of a fellow clinician's harmful errors.<sup>1</sup> The authors recommended improved colleague-to-colleague communication and transparent disclosure of errors as a shared professional responsibility with a collective approach to accountability.

Although the same ethical, moral, and legal issues apply regardless of medical subspecialty, the field of orthopedic surgery has unique considerations. Although the detection of substandard care in other specialties may require exhaustive examination of the medical record, often a single radiograph is all that is required in our field.

The assessment we make of a *radiograph* for healing, alignment, positioning of implants, etc is a by-product of our orthopedic training. It doesn't take much time to determine what was done, how well (or poorly) it was performed, and prognosticate on outcomes. However, the assessment we make of the *surgeon* who performed the surgery is a far more complex process and often subconscious in nature. During our weekly trauma rounds, I occasionally hear a trainee denounce a surgeon when examining a poor radiographic outcome, especially when performed at the well-known "outside" hospital. "Bad" surgeon (or usually a more descriptive term) is often what is said. However, although "bad" surgery may be closer to the truth of things at times, usually there is more to the story. In this context, for the sake of collegiality, consider the following when examining a colleague's work.

### Resources

Great operative outcomes require a cohesive operative team doing a lot of complex tasks properly, all at the same time.



Figure 1. Ankle Radiograph.

Whether it be staff or equipment, other surgeons may simply not have access to resources that you have readily available and may take for granted.

When we fix ankle fractures at our institution, we can choose from 5 different ankle fracture plating systems. We operate with a senior Harvard orthopedic resident or fellow in combination with a dedicated orthopedic OR team. Additionally, we've had the opportunity to train with some of the greatest surgeons in the world. We better get it right, and most of the time we do. However, even with all of these available resources, sometimes

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