

Swab safe management to prevent retained swabs



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a never

event.

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d on a

Saturday,

19.30pm,

in April

2012. I

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the theatre
e
coordinator. We
had a
'never
event' of
a
retained
swab in a
breast
wound.

The
following
week, I
changed
practice f
ollowing

audits for
four weeks in
eight
theatres.

We never
looked
back.

Attached
is the
poster
presented in
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ce.

Until
recently
no one
ever
asked me
how I
felt. I
knew
what to
do. But I
felt for
the
surgeon.
As
theatre
scrub

practitioners we complete counts and inform the surgeon. He acknowledges the count. If later on a swab is retained, it's the surgeon who has

to inform
the
patient
and
remove
it.

By using
a system
especiall
y
designed
for
counting
swabs
(see
video
below),
we can

stop
never
events of
retained
swabs
and
maintain
safety for
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use it!



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