

# Leave Nothing Behind: Preventing Retained Surgical Items

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**Target Audience:** Physicians, Specialty Physicians, Residents, Physician Assistants, Nurses and Specialty Nurses.

**Learning Objectives:** As a result of the participation in this activity, participants should be able to:

1. Define medico-legal implications of retained surgical items.
2. Cite pertinent Florida statutes relative to retained foreign bodies.
3. Identify risk factors and common root causes of retained foreign bodies.
4. Relate AORN standards for counting sharps and instruments.
5. Discuss the American College of Radiology standard for communication.
6. Apply strategies to prevent unplanned retained surgical items.
7. Define medico-legal implications of retained surgical items.
8. Cite pertinent Florida statutes relative to retained foreign bodies.
9. Identify risk factors and common root causes of retained foreign bodies.
10. Relate AORN standards for counting sharps and instruments.
11. Discuss the American College of Radiology standard for communication.
12. Apply strategies to prevent unplanned retained surgical items.

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