

# Thousands of **SURGICAL ERRORS**

occur every year in the United States.



Some surgical errors are classified as “never events” because they should never occur.

## TYPES OF SURGICAL ERRORS

Infections

Instruments or objects left inside the body

Nerve damage

Anesthesia errors

Air bubbles in blood

Wrong-site, wrong-procedure and wrong-patient surgeries (WSPES)

## OF WSPES:

**59%** Operating on the wrong side of the body.

**23%** Operating on another wrong location of the body.

**14%** Performing the wrong procedure.

**5%** Performing on wrong patients.

## HOW SURGICAL ERRORS HAPPEN



Distraction



Fatigue



Impairment



Communication Errors

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