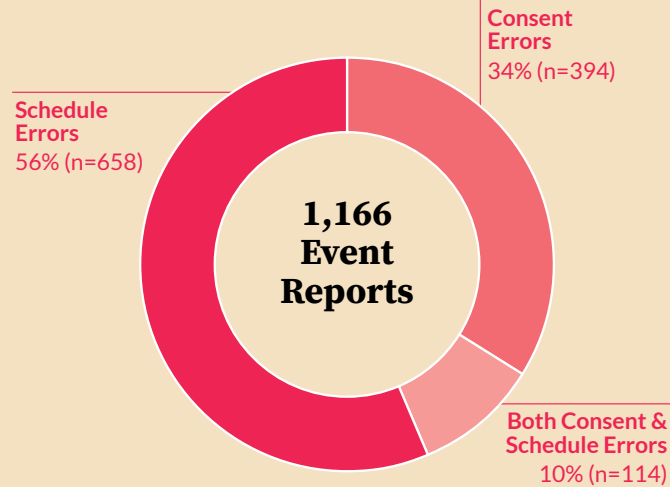
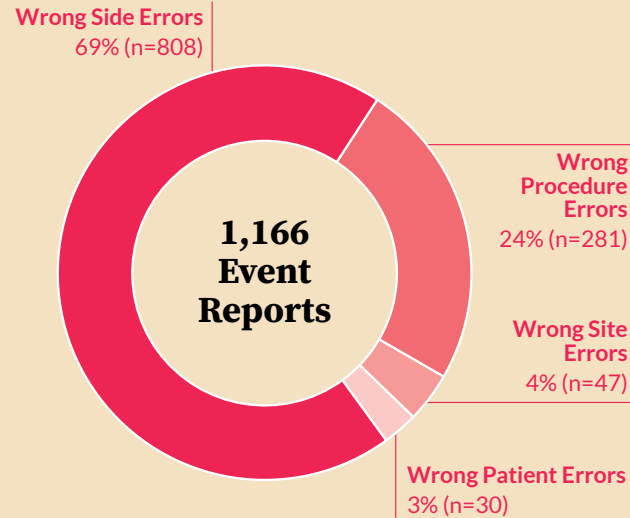


Risk Factors for Wrong-Site Surgery: A Study of 1,166 Reports of Informed Consent and Schedule Errors

Distribution of Error Types Occurring at Hospitals and Ambulatory Surgical Facilities



Distribution of Error Subtypes Occurring at Hospitals and Ambulatory Surgical Facilities



Consent Error: Involves an informed consent document with incorrect information about the procedure, patient, side, and/or site (e.g., it states the procedure is a hysterectomy, but the patient is meant to have a hysteroscopy)

Schedule Error: Procedural schedule had incorrect information (e.g., patient states they are having a right hip replacement, but the operating room schedule states left side)

Both Consent & Schedule Error: Concurrent consent and schedule errors in a single event report (e.g., the scheduling sheet and consent form state the procedure is on the right hand, but the correct procedure is on the left hand)



- Consent and schedule errors create workflow inefficiencies and additional costs in patient care and are a risk factor for wrong-site surgery
- The article provides a list of **33 strategies** to mitigate the risk of consent and/or schedule errors.