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Surgical Errors and Adverse Events: Caring for the Patient and the Surgeon

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Health Sciences Bldg, Rm D209 Turner Auditorium

The connection between the prevention of errors during surgical care and surgeons following the highest and strictest ethical standards will be analyzed. Since the goal is the ethical practice of surgery and the minimization of error in all its facets – human, individual, systemic, and technical – error prevention and surgery ethics will be discussed. We as surgeons need to think about these issues and how they affect everyday decision making, not forgetting that "surgery harms before it heals". Alongside any surgical error, there are always two victims: the patient and the surgeon. Communication breakdowns will be also considered.

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