



Wake Up During Operation - 1

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Thousands of people wake up in operations every year. Doctors say this is unusual. It happens once in every 19,000 operations. Drugs relax patients so they cannot move. They cannot speak. They cannot tell the doctor they are awake. Patients who wake up feel afraid. They sometimes panic.

Researchers looked at three million operations. They used data to find 64 ways to make operations safer. They wanted fewer accidents. They said doctors should use a checklist before each operation. Doctors will check the patient has the right drugs. A monitor can tell doctors if a patient wakes up.

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Wake Up During Operation - 2

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Thousands of patients a year in the U.K. wake up in operations. A report from anaesthetists (people who make us sleep before surgery) said several thousand patients a year wake up. Doctors say this is very rare and happens once in every 19,000 operations. Patients who wake up during an operation feel frightened and panic. A patient cannot tell the doctors if he/she wakes up. Drugs that relax their muscles mean they cannot speak.

Researchers looked at three million operations. They used the data to find ways to make operations safer. They thought of 64 ways to reduce accidents. The most basic one was for doctors to use a checklist before each operation to reduce mistakes. It also makes sure the patient has the right level of drugs. They also think a monitor can tell doctors if a patient wakes up. The report will help hospitals, doctors and patients.

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