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Mathematical Model May Be Useful in Predicting Anesthesiologist Drug Errors

Researchers in the United Kingdom have developed a mathematical model that may be useful in predicting the risk of drug errors by anesthesiologists, says an original article published in the August 2019 issue of *Anaesthesia*. [Read the full summary.](#)

WHO Declares Congo's Ebola Outbreak a Public Health Emergency; CDC Steps Up Response

The World Health Organization (WHO) has declared the Ebola virus outbreak in the Democratic Republic of the Congo a public health emergency of international concern, according to a July 17, 2019, news release. [Read the full summary.](#)

An EHR Checklist to Improve Communication during PACU Handoffs and Increase Nurse Satisfaction

Use of a standardised checklist in the electronic health record (EHR) increased both the accuracy and amount of information exchanged during handoffs from anesthesia to postanesthesia care units (PACUs), according to a study in the June 2019 *Journal of PeriAnesthesia Nursing*. [Read the full summary.](#)

Improving Patient Safety in Non-Operating-Room Anesthesia

Standards of care for the expanding specialty of non-operating-room anesthesia (NORA) must be the same as standards in the operating room (OR), says the Anesthesia Patient Safety Foundation in its June 2019 newsletter. [Read the full summary.](#)

What Did They Find in FDA's "Hidden" Database?

Issues related to blood glucose meters, dental implants, and surgical staplers were frequently found in the U.S. Food and Drug Administration's (FDA) alternative summary database, according to a June 27, 2019, report from *Kaiser Health News*. [Read the full summary.](#)