

Prevention of Retained Vaginal Sponges After Birth Complete Resource Listing

1. READINESS

- A Multidisciplinary Team Approach to Retained Foreign Objects. The Joint Commission. *The Joint Commission Journal on Quality and Patient Safety* 2009; 35:123-132.
- Irving AV. Policies and Procedures for Healthcare Organizations: A Risk Management Perspective. Patient Safety and Quality Healthcare October 2013.
- Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality. Selected Best Practices and Suggestions for Improvement (Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality: Quality Indicators Toolkit).

2. RECOGNITION

- Policy for Prevention of a Retained Sponge after Vaginal Delivery. Case Reports in Medicine 2012.
- Hospital Council of Northern & Central California. Surgical Safety: Preventing Retained Surgical Items.

3. RESPONSE

- Gawande AA, et al. Risk Factors for Retained Instruments and Sponges after Surgery. *The New England Journal of Medicine* 2003; 348:229-235.
- Rowlands A. Risk Factors Associated with Incorrect Surgical Counts. *AORN Journal* 2012; 96:272-284.

4. REPORTING/SYSTEMS LEARNING

- Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services. Hospital Inpatient Quality Reporting (IQR) Program Measures.
- The Joint Commission Sentinel Event Alert: Preventing Unintended Retained Foreign Objects. The Joint Commission October 2013.