

# New Toolkit Can Help Manage Risks in Ambulatory Surgery Settings

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Risk managers looking to mitigate risks in ambulatory surgery settings may be interested in a new toolkit from the Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality (AHRQ). The [Toolkit To Improve Safety in Ambulatory Surgery Centers](#) is based on staff experiences from more than 650 ambulatory surgery centers. It is designed to prevent surgical-site infections and other complications, while helping to improve overall safety. The toolkit is divided into three sections. The first is implementation, which takes users step-by-step through the [execution of interventions](#) such as surgical checklists. Next is sustainability, [which discusses ways](#) to ensure the processes will continue after implementation. Last is the resources section, which provides [links to a variety of tools](#) that can improve safety culture in the ambulatory care setting. The toolkit is based on the principles and methods of AHRQ's [Comprehensive Unit-based Safety Program](#). A [blog post](#) by the director of AHRQ's Center for Quality Improvement and Patient Safety offered more details about the toolkit.

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