





Retained swabs (1,2,3,4,5) represent 56% of forgotten foreign bodies in patients.

The practice to perform this count:

- · Varies from one hospital to another,
- · Also within an establishment,
- Is generally uncomfortable for the circulating nurse.

This event is largely preventable if the guidelines are implemented <sup>(4,5)</sup>.





## How to reduce the risk of swab retention?

Vybag – swab counting – improves practices

Features	Benefits
Height of 96 cm	No squatting count / Reduces risk of musculoskeletal disorders
Trolley with wheels	Easy to move in OR
Specific counting area	Centralization of used swabs
16 transparent pouches	Adapted for all surgeries and visual aid for swab counting
Pouch size adapted to all swabs sizes	Easy to count
Yellow bag	Complies with biohazard waste
Drawstring closure	Safe disposal
Standardization	Improves practices

Code	Description	Quantity
DR0902	Trolley	I
39.00.18	Vybag	220 per box



<sup>1.</sup>Tracy Coates: Retained Swabs? A never event or a clever event that has a potential to act as a fundamental driver to improve practice and systems. Journal of perioperative practice/ April 2012/volume 22/issue4/ ISSN1467-1026

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<sup>2.</sup> Department of Health 2011 The "never events" list 2011/12 (Online) Available from: www.dh.gov.uk/en/Publicationsandstatistics/Publications/PublicationsPolicyAndGuidance/DH\_132355 [Accessed March 2012]

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<sup>4.</sup> Nothing Left Behind Available from: http://nothingleftbehind.org/ [Accessed March 2012] Association of periOperative Registered Nurses 2010 Recommended practices for sponge sharps and instrument counts. In: Perioperative Standards and Recommended Practices Denver, AORN Inc