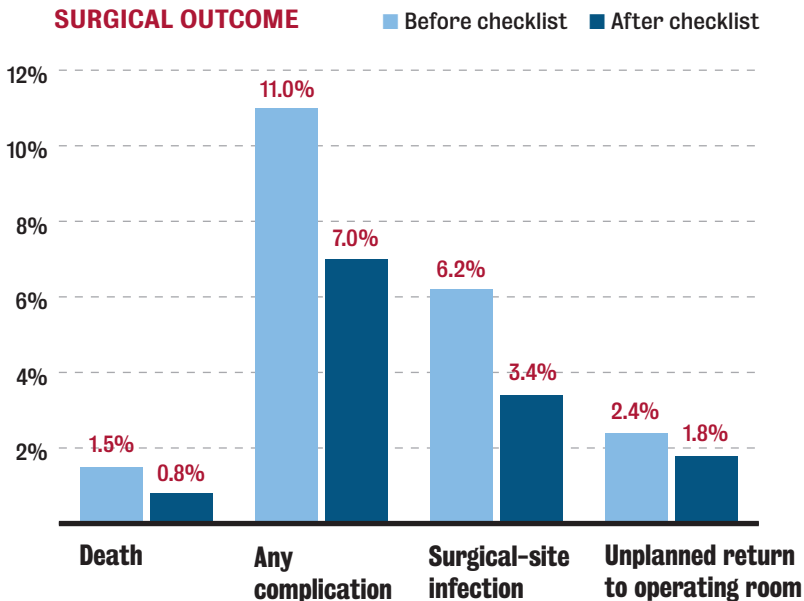


Checklist success

The World Health Organization's Safe Surgery Saves Lives program calls for a 19-item checklist that includes confirming the patient's identity and discussing anticipated problems. Eight hospitals around the world implemented the checklist, cutting mortality in half and reducing complications by 36%:



SOURCE: "A SURGICAL SAFETY CHECKLIST TO REDUCE MORBIDITY AND MORTALITY IN A GLOBAL POPULATION," *NEW ENGLAND JOURNAL OF MEDICINE*, JAN. 29, 2009 ([HTTP://WWW.NCBI.NLM.NIH.GOV/PUBMED/19144931/](http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pubmed/19144931/))

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