Medical error in surgery

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Dear Editor,

I read the recent report on human error in hernia surgery with a great interest [1]. Hope et al. [1] concluded that “Surgical technique improves with increased experience with abdominal closures; however, residents at all levels have the physical ability to adequately perform this task.” I would like to share some ideas on the topic of error in medicine. The questions are “What is the best way to prevent error?” and “Can the error be reduced by experience?” Indeed, reducing the error in surgery and any other kinds of medicine is the aim of the continuous quality improvement (CQI) process. It might seem that training can help decrease the error. However, this does not mean that the

error does not exist in the case of an experienced and qualified setting [2]. Continuous repetitive sessions to promote awareness on medical error might be a useful solution according to the CQI concept.

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