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Patient safety can only be considered in a broader understanding of risk management. Healthcare risk management has traditionally focused on the important role of patient safety and the reduction of medical error. However, with the increasing complexity of the healthcare environment, which includes not only the increasing complexity of medical care but also the use of new and advanced technologies, IT and cybersecurity that health providers work in, a more comprehensive approach to risk management is required. As comprehensive risk management will increasingly become central to the design and delivery of all aspects of health care, surgeons need to be not only aware of the developments in this area but also willing to contribute to the design, implementation and assessment of risk management systems.

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