

## **Surgical Errors**

What is considered a Surgical Error?

- Wrong Site
- Too much or too little anesthesia
- Failure to properly supervise patient's recovery
- Surgery performed on the wrong patient
- Infection due to inadequate or improper use of antiseptic
- Wrong surgical procedure
- Surgical or other items left in the body
- Injury to organs, tissue and nerves

### **Consequences Of Surgical Errors:**

- While no surgery is without risk, there are many common and avoidable errors that cause injury and death to thousands of surgical patients each year. Some of the more common problems include:
  - Lack of oxygen
  - Stroke
  - Paralysis
  - Brain injury
  - Infection
  - Bleeding
  - Retained surgical material
  - Wrong site surgery
  - Death