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Surgical outcomes vary by location and surgeon specialty

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A new study by PolicyLab's Sophia Jan examined whether receiving surgery at a children's hospital or general hospital, or from a surgeon in a particular speciality, impacted outcomes for young people with inflammatory bowel disease. The study found that pediatric surgeons had the lowest predicted probability of surgical complications, but that surgeries performed at children's hospitals had the highest predicted probability. These results indicate a need to better understand how practice setting and surgical specialty affect outcomes for a population that traverses a variety of health care settings.

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