

Skin reactions in the operating theatre: 550 surgeons and nurses gave their perspective

31%

OF SURGEONS AND NURSES HAVE PERSONALLY EXPERIENCED A SKIN REACTION ON THEIR HANDS IN THE OPERATING THEATRE.

OF THOSE:

94.5% have experienced them on multiple occasions, with **27%** experiencing reactions more than 10 times

41% had experienced a reaction in the last six months and **53.4%** in the last year

34% of respondents said the skin reaction had a **negative impact** on their quality of life

84.4% of cases diagnosed by an occupational health team were **diagnosed as allergic or irritant contact dermatitis**

16.2% reported they had been **distracted from their work** due to a skin reaction to surgical gloves



About contact dermatitis:

Contact dermatitis is an inflammation of the skin resulting from direct contact of a substance with the surface of the skin.

The most common form of contact dermatitis is irritant contact dermatitis (ICD), which is caused when substances such as solvents or other chemicals irritate the skin. The exposure produces red, often more painful than itchy, patches on the involved skin areas.¹

ABOUT THE SURVEY:

In December 2019, The SERMO survey polled 555 surgeons and nurses in the United States, United Kingdom, Scandinavia and Japan about their experiences of allergic reactions in the operating theatre.

1. American Academy of Allergy, Asthma & Immunology 2019. <https://www.aaaai.org/conditions-and-treatments/conditions-dictionary/contact-dermatitis>
2. Politiek K. et.al. Systematic review of cost-of-illness studies in hand eczema. Contact Dermatitis 2016.

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