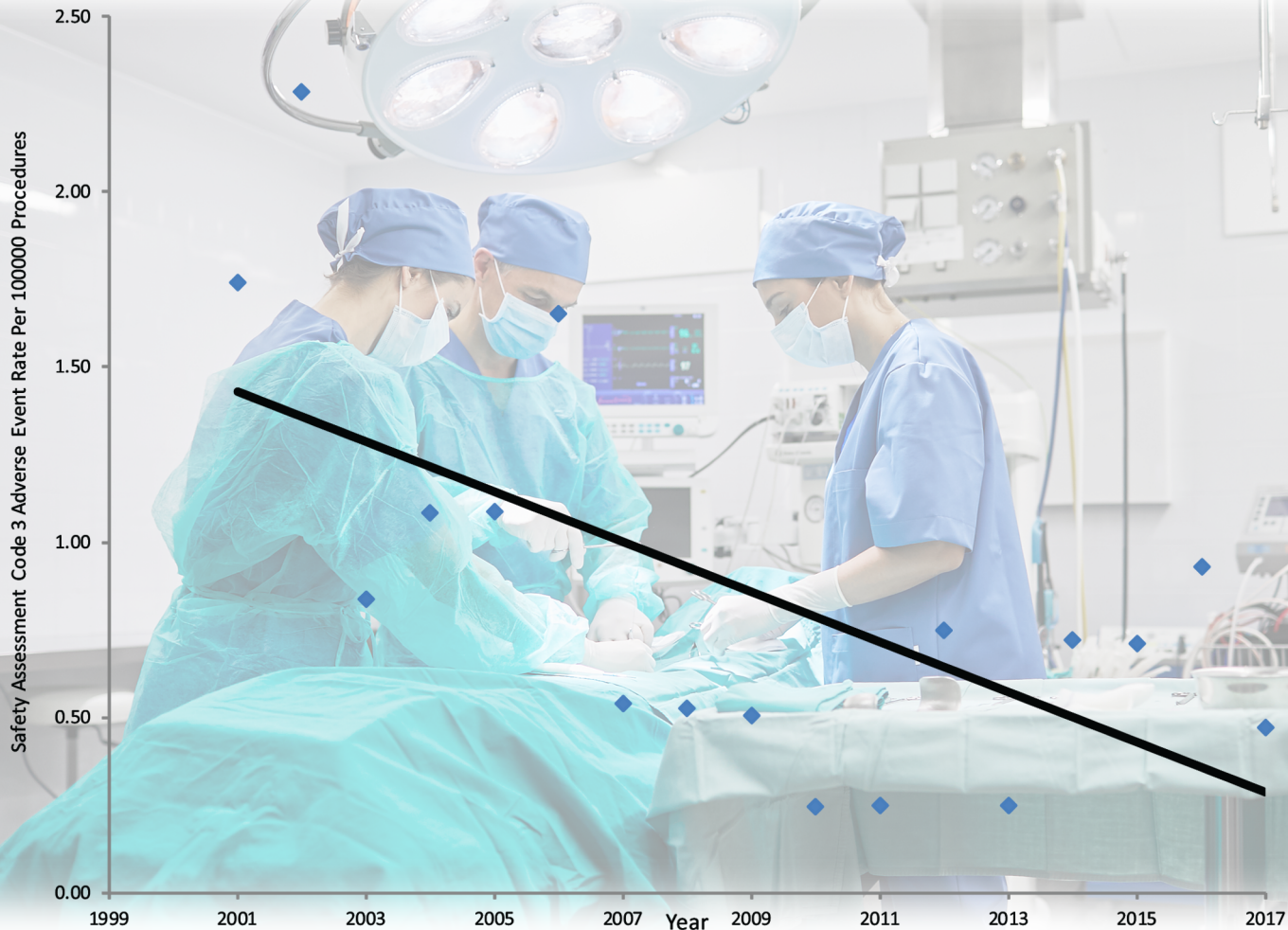


# Steady drop in incorrect surgical procedures

VA researchers tracked the rates of wrong-site surgery and other incorrect surgical procedures in VA between **2010 and 2017**. They compared the results with those of similar studies dating back to 2001. The overall trend was a **steady decline**. The rate of reported adverse events in operating rooms dropped from **1.74 per 100,000** procedures to **0.47 per 100,000** procedures.



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