

When doctors strike, fewer patients die

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July effect

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The **July effect**, sometimes referred to as the **July phenomenon**, is a perceived but scientifically unfounded increase in the risk of [medical errors](#) and [surgical complications](#) that occurs in association with the time of year in which United States [medical school](#) graduates begin [residencies](#).^[1] A similar period in the United Kingdom is known as the **killing season** or, more specifically, **Black Wednesday**, referring to the first Wednesday in August when postgraduate trainees commence their rotations.

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