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“I am a second semester nursing student and I am currently on my theatre placement at St Just. I was in theatre the day that awful event happened. I still can't believe it. It has put me off wanting to work here.

I was just trying my best to help. I had never seen a keyhole kidney operation before. I helped Cynthia, the registrar, position the patient on the table. I think she was getting a bit flustered by the anaesthetist. I really felt for her.

I've not been in theatre much, so I was a bit surprised to have to go and help out in a big case like this. They never seem to have enough staff, and everyone is always running about like mad, and sometimes people are in a bad mood. I thought they were meant to do the checklist for every patient, but I've certainly seen them skip it in some theatres, and they didn't do it very well here. I can't remember but I think they only asked about cross match and allergies. I wish I'd spoken up at the time, then that patient might not be on dialysis.”