

Patient Safety, Risk, and Quality Update

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The following news and guidance were recently made available without login from ECRI's Health System Risk Management and related services. If you have any questions, please email Ajay Aggarwal at Ajay.Aggarwal@awac.com.

News

Presurgery Time-Out Routines Require More Attention, Study Says

In a study testing the effectiveness of pediatric presurgery time-out routines, 54% of errors purposefully introduced were verbally challenged, while the other errors went unnoticed, according to a study published in the August 2021 issue of *BMJ Quality & Safety*.

[Read the full summary.](#)

Pharmacist Interventions Can Reduce Medication Errors in Hospital-to-Community Transitions

Pharmacist-based transition-of-care interventions are an effective strategy to reduce medication errors for patients being discharged from the hospital to community and can reduce subsequent emergency department visits, according to a meta-analysis published in the August 2021 issue of the *Journal of Patient Safety* says.

[Read the full summary.](#)

Surgery Staff Need Clear Emotional Support Structures after Adverse Events

Healthcare organizations should set in place clear support structures for operating department staff who have been involved in adverse surgical events, a study in the August 2021 issue of the *Journal of Patient Safety* says.

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Transgender Youth Experience Higher Rates of Abuse than Cisgender Peers

Transgender adolescents experience higher rates of psychological, physical, and sexual abuse compared with their cisgender peers, according to an article in the August 2021 issue of *Pediatrics*.

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IHI Sprints for Improving Maternal Outcomes: Optimizing Huddles, Checklists, Debriefs

Healthcare professionals and organizations can participate in a free initiative from the Institute for Healthcare Improvement (IHI) for improving maternal outcomes and respectful care.

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Restricting Visitors May Take a Toll on Patient Safety, Patient Satisfaction

Hospitals that disallowed visitors during the pandemic saw their patient performance ratings drop, particularly for medical staff responsiveness, such as answering a patient call light, according to an article in the April 2021 issue of the *Patient Experience Journal*.

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