

The JCAHO patient safety event taxonomy: a standardized terminology and classification schema for near misses and adverse events.

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The [rapid increase](#) in research and publications on patient safety following the landmark [Institute of Medicine report](#) resulted in the need for a common set of definitions and terminology for patient safety concepts. To achieve this goal, the authors developed a taxonomy based on a systematic literature review. The taxonomy, which has been widely accepted since its publication, consists of 5 primary classifications that can be used to classify an error: impact, type, domain, cause, and prevention or mitigation.