

Why worry? Worry, risk perceptions, and willingness to act to reduce medical errors.

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The investigators found that patient concern about medical errors was associated with taking precautionary actions. They suggest that understanding this concern could help structure communication strategies to engage patients in their own safety.