

10 Patient Safety Tips for Hospitals.

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This tip sheet provides 10 practical steps hospitals can undertake to improve patient safety, based on research funded by the Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality. The tips can be grouped into three areas: 1) reducing health care-acquired infections and [retained surgical instruments](#) through use of specific clinical practices; 2) improving drug safety by ensuring access to accurate drug information; and 3) improving the [culture of safety](#) through appropriate staffing and work hours for [nurses](#) and [residents](#). These tips are based on high-quality research studies documenting the effectiveness of these interventions at reducing errors and improving safety for a broad range of patients.