

Medical errors involving trainees: a study of closed malpractice claims from 5 insurers.

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This AHRQ-funded study uncovered distinctive features of errors involving trainees, including teamwork and [communication](#) breakdowns, failures of [supervision](#) and [handoffs](#), and excessive [workload](#). Building on a [past study](#) of closed malpractice claims, investigators conducted a subanalysis of those claims in which housestaff or fellows were thought to play an important role. As the claims predate the introduction of trainee [work hour restrictions](#), the authors call for continued research into trainee errors and targeted training interventions to address current areas of concern. An accompanying editorial discusses a dramatically new model for inpatient care that would begin to address the problem areas identified in this study.