

Medical error disclosure among pediatricians: choosing carefully what we might say to parents.

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Studies of medical error [disclosure](#) have demonstrated that, while physicians [support](#) disclosure of errors in theory, most "[choose their words carefully](#)" in practice and fail to disclose important elements of the error. In this study, pediatricians were presented with error scenarios and asked to describe what they would disclose to the child's parents. Overall, a minority of physicians would [fully disclose](#) the error, and most would not offer an explicit apology. An accompanying editorial discusses barriers to disclosing errors and strategies (including communication training) that should be implemented to improve this aspect of patient–physician communication.