

## Patient safety climate in US hospitals: variation by management level.

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Establishing a [culture of safety](#), in which workers at all levels are encouraged to report errors, openly discuss mistakes, and contribute to solutions, is thought to be essential to improving patient safety. However, [prior research](#) has documented that perceptions of safety culture may vary widely between clinical units and provider levels. This study administered a [previously validated](#) safety culture survey to managers at 92 US hospitals, and found that perceptions of safety culture varied even among managers at different levels. As documented in [prior research](#), more senior managers generally had better perceptions of safety than did lower-ranking managers. Impaired safety culture has been implicated as a factor in [high-profile errors](#) in health care and other industries.