

Do patient safety events increase readmissions?

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Preventable medical errors have been linked to longer hospitalizations, excess costs, and [increased mortality](#). This study explored the longer term effects of patient safety incidents by exploring whether adverse events, as measured by AHRQ's [Patient Safety Indicators](#), were linked to an increased risk of hospital readmission. Patients who suffered a pulmonary embolism or an [accidental puncture or laceration](#) during hospitalization were significantly more likely to be readmitted within 1 month, and a broad array of adverse events were linked to a 3-month increased readmission risk. Two cases of preventable readmissions are discussed in this AHRQ WebM&M [commentary](#).