

## On the prospects for a blame-free medical culture.

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This study found that physicians view [blame](#) as having several functions, including acting as a stimulus for learning and improvement. However, since physicians still treat errors as a personal failing, this poses [challenges](#) when asking them to think of errors in a [systems](#) context, which is one step toward creating a blame-free culture.