

## Using patient safety morbidity and mortality conferences to promote transparency and a culture of safety.

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Morbidity and Mortality (M&M) conferences are a time-honored part of medical training. However, these conferences are only [rarely](#) used to discuss medical errors or patient safety problems. Even when errors are discussed, learning opportunities may be [limited](#) due to lack of a formal mechanism for analysis and follow-up. This article discusses how one academic hospital restructured their monthly M&M conference to focus specifically on patient safety and quality improvement learning objectives. Cases were selected based on [voluntary error reports](#) and were presented in a [root cause analysis](#) format in an interdisciplinary fashion. Implementation of the restructured conference was associated with improvement in [safety culture](#) perception (as measured by the AHRQ [Hospital Survey on Patient Safety Culture](#)), and the nursing and pharmacy departments subsequently implemented similar conferences.