

Coping with medical error: a systematic review of papers to assess the effects of involvement in medical errors on healthcare professionals' psychological well-being.

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Committing a medical error can have profound [emotional effects](#) on providers, to the point that clinicians have been termed the "[second victim](#)" of errors. This systematic review found that feelings of guilt, shame, and loss of confidence were widespread among clinicians after involvement in an error. However, few studies addressed coping strategies for affected professionals, and those that did generally described existing workplace support structures as inadequate. Some studies report that discussion of errors with [colleagues](#) is generally beneficial, and institutions have begun to implement innovative [curricula](#) and [support systems](#) to aid professionals who have been involved in an error.