

As doctors use more devices, potential for distraction grows.

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Reporting on widespread use of mobile devices (such as iPads and smartphones) in health care, this newspaper article details how [technological](#) distractions may increase the risk of errors. A recent AHRQ WebM&M [commentary](#), written by Harvard CIO John Halamka, discusses a case in which a physician, interrupted by a non–work-related text message on a smartphone, forgets to discontinue a dangerous medication.