

Adverse events: root causes and latent factors.

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This commentary uses scenarios to illustrate the differences between punitive and learning approaches to [root cause analysis](#).