

The costs of adverse drug events in community hospitals.

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Adverse drug events (ADEs) are a leading cause of adverse events and a significant [financial](#) burden in the hospital setting. This study found that ADEs incur an average cost of more than \$3000 and are associated with an increase in [length of stay](#) of 3.1 days. The latter increase is greater than similar studies in academic institutions. The findings may provide further argument for [community](#) hospitals to invest in medication safety. The authors advocate for [computerized provider order entry](#), [bar-coding](#) systems, and other strategies to potentially reduce ADEs.