

The epidemiology of malpractice claims in primary care: a systematic review.

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This systematic review of 34 studies of malpractice claims in primary care from five countries identified [diagnostic errors](#) and [medication errors](#) as the most common types of preventable adverse events in ambulatory medicine. Missed and delayed diagnoses—particularly of cancer and myocardial infarction—were also found to be a main source of malpractice lawsuits in another [recent study](#), which was not included in this analysis. Although malpractice claims are an imperfect data source, this study provides important information to help focus efforts to improve [patient safety in ambulatory care](#).