

Is oral chemotherapy prescription safe for patients? A cross-sectional survey.

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Very high rates of adverse drug events have been [reported](#) in patients receiving outpatient oral chemotherapy. This survey of French oncologists found that few of them routinely used safety procedures such as education about potential adverse effects, standardized monitoring, or electronic prescribing. A 2013 Institute of Medicine [report](#) called attention to this and other persistent safety problems in cancer care, referring to it as "a system in crisis."