

## Root cause analysis of ambulatory adverse drug events that present to the emergency department.

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[Adverse drug events](#) (ADEs) are a common reason for emergency department (ED) [visits](#) in elderly patients. This study used [root cause analyses](#)—which incorporated [patient perspectives](#)—of ED visits for ADEs to identify contributing factors related to drugs (e.g., prescribing of high-risk medications), patients (e.g., low health literacy), and the environment (e.g., poor access to care).