

Patient safety: let's measure what matters.

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This commentary discusses challenges related to the use of numerous measures for adverse events in hospitals in the United States. The authors explain how continually adding mandated safety measures can detract from safety improvement by overwhelming hospital workers with the burden of tracking and failing to record new types of errors.