

A method for prioritizing interventions following root cause analysis (RCA): lessons from philosophy.

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Although recommended as a patient safety improvement strategy, the value of [root cause analysis](#) has been [debated](#). This commentary suggests a three-step approach for optimizing root cause analysis results to detect factors that contribute to adverse events. The author applies philosophical principles to identify and [prioritize](#) interventions to enhance [benefit](#) from root cause analysis.