

The evolving literature on safety WalkRounds: emerging themes and practical messages.

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This review summarizes the literature on [safety walkrounds](#), which broadly involve health care executives or senior managers visiting frontline staff and engaging in conversations about potential safety issues. Following [evidence](#) that walkrounds improved [safety culture](#), this practice became widely endorsed by AHRQ and other leading health care organizations. However, this review includes a number of cautionary notes about the limitations of safety rounds and prior research on the efficacy of these programs. The authors outline evidence-based keys to successful implementation, highlighting that [failure to follow up](#) on concerns raised may actually erode, rather than enhance, safety culture. A past AHRQ WebM&M [perspective](#) by Dr. John Wittington stressed the importance of involving hospital leadership in quality and safety efforts.