

Error in intensive care: psychological repercussions and defense mechanisms among health professionals.

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This interview study found that physicians and nurses experience guilt and shame following errors, echoing previous studies of the health care provider as the [second victim](#) in adverse events. A past AHRQ WebM&M [interview](#) with Dr. Albert Wu discusses the impact of errors on health care providers.