

## **Alcohol and drug testing of health professionals following preventable adverse events: a bad idea.**

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[Human error](#) and fallibility are a part of health care delivery that can be exacerbated by fatigue and system failures. This commentary explains why implementing a formal process for substance abuse testing following an adverse event is not a feasible risk management strategy. The author suggests that providing programs to promote [speaking up](#) when peer impairment is possible may enhance safety more effectively.