

Nurses' perspectives regarding the disclosure of errors to patients: a qualitative study.

March 14, 2016

McLennan SR, Diebold M, Rich LE, et al. Nurses' perspectives regarding the disclosure of errors to patients: A qualitative study. *Int J Nurs Stud*. 2016;54:16-22. doi:10.1016/j.ijnurstu.2014.10.001.

<https://psnet.ahrq.gov/issue/nurses-perspectives-regarding-disclosure-errors-patients-qualitative-study>

In this qualitative interview study, most nurses believed that errors should be [disclosed](#) to patients, but few of them reported actually disclosing errors. Barriers to error disclosure included insufficient training, lack of organizational support, and personal fears. These findings are consistent with [prior studies](#) of physicians and underscore the difficulty in making error disclosure the standard of care.