

Reporting and using near-miss events to improve patient safety in diverse primary care practices: a collaborative approach to learning from our mistakes.

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This study describes the successful implementation of a Web-based [reporting system](#) for near-miss events in primary care practices. The most prevalent reports were breakdowns in office processes, with varying risk for adverse events, as found in [prior studies](#) of incident reporting. Although near-miss reporting can stimulate improvement efforts, it is not a precise method for detecting safety problems.