

What methods are used to apply positive deviance within healthcare organisations? A systematic review.

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This systematic review explored studies of [positive deviance](#), those with exceptional performance, in health care. Researchers found that the most common patient safety research topic using this approach to date is [health care–associated infections](#). The authors suggest that more methodological rigor is needed to apply the approach to patient safety research more widely.