

The problem with preventable deaths.

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A key goal of patient safety improvement is [preventing error](#), but challenges remain in distinguishing which harms are [preventable](#). Discussing approaches to measuring preventable harm related to patient mortality, this commentary highlights limitations of hospital standardized mortality ratios as a quality measure and suggests combining multiple [metrics](#) designed with the [complexity](#) of health care in mind to uncover quality issues.