

Simulation in the executive suite: lessons learned for building patient safety leadership.

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[Simulation](#) has been used to improve patient safety in multiple settings. This study examines how simulation can enhance safety [leadership](#). Executive leaders in health care organizations were given the simulated task of addressing patient safety failures, with the goal of improving participants' competency in [transparency](#) and [safety culture](#). Qualitative analysis demonstrated widely diverging participant responses. There was a lack of leadership engagement with frontline staff around safety. Participants cited [leadership walk rounds](#) and committee participation as possible leadership involvement mechanisms. The authors also noted that participants did not consistently [engage patients](#) in their safety strategies. Simulation appears to be a promising leadership education strategy that may uncover gaps in current leadership practices. A [PSNet perspective](#) explored how leaders can promote cultural changes to improve patient safety.