

## **Voluntary medical incident reporting tool to improve physician reporting of medical errors in an emergency department.**

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After introducing a web-based [voluntary incident reporting system](#) in an academic emergency department, physician-reported incidents rose from 81 events in 2009 to 561 events in 2012. A prior [PSNet perspective](#) discussed incident reporting systems and the importance of not only increasing reporting rates but also following through with safety improvements.