

Financial incentives and mortality: taking pay for performance a step too far.

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Although <u>financial incentives</u> have been widely adopted, they may not lead to <u>organizational</u> improvements. This commentary raises concerns about including <u>hospital mortality</u> in incentive programs, since patient deaths do not necessarily mean poor quality care. The authors suggest that further research is needed to enhance accuracy of risk-adjusted mortality and to account for differences in patient treatment preferences.