

## **Utilization of pharmacy technicians to increase the accuracy of patient medication histories obtained in the emergency department.**

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This retrospective study found that pharmacy technicians were able to collect a more accurate [medication](#) list for patients in the emergency department compared to the usual medication list obtained by other personnel. This finding suggests that better integration of the pharmacy team into emergency care could improve patient safety, consistent with previous studies investigating the role of [pharmacists](#) in emergency departments.