

## Screen flashes and pop-up reminders: 'alert fatigue' spreads through medicine.

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[Alert fatigue](#) is known to [contribute](#) to medical error. This news article reports on the problem of clinically [irrelevant alarms](#) overwhelming clinicians and what hospitals and health information technology vendors are doing to decrease them. Strategies include applying [human factors engineering](#) concepts to alert triggers and designing spaces to [reduce](#) alarm-associated interruptions and fatigue.