

Patient safety implications of electronic alerts and alarms of maternal–fetal status during labor.

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Labor and delivery care is considered high risk for [sentinel events](#) should something go wrong. This review discusses how audible surveillance in this setting can contribute to [alert fatigue](#) and distraction among nurses and raises concerns that no standards exist to improve the effectiveness of electronic [fetal monitoring](#).