

Screening electronic health record–related patient safety reports using machine learning.

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[Voluntary error reporting systems](#) are an important part of safety improvement programs, but difficulty in analyzing error reports has limited their utility. This study described the development of a machine learning algorithm to analyze free-text data in incident reports. The algorithm proved to be accurate in classifying events when compared to manual review.