

## Patient Safety in Ambulatory Settings.

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Most patient safety research and initiatives have focused on the hospital environment, despite the fact that much of health care is delivered in [outpatient settings](#). This technical brief explores gaps in the evidence base that hinder understanding of safety concerns and factors unique to [ambulatory care](#). The evidence review supports use of [pharmacist](#) interventions to augment medication safety in outpatient settings. The authors also found that [electronic health records](#) have mixed effects on ambulatory safety. Key informants interviewed for the brief noted that studies on [patient engagement](#) and [diagnostic error](#) are lacking.