

Root Cause Analysis in Health Care: A Joint Commission Guide to Analysis and Corrective Action of Sentinel and Adverse Events.

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[Root cause analysis](#) has been widely adopted as a strategy to investigate events, despite [questions](#) regarding its effectiveness in health care. This revised publication provides information about [updated approaches](#) to root cause analysis with an emphasis on identification of causal and contributing factors. It highlights the use of failure mode and effects analysis as a complementary sentinel event examination strategy that enables design of [proactive](#) and reactive improvements.