

## Changing the medical malpractice system to align with what we know about patient safety and quality improvement.

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Although [medical malpractice law](#) is intended to deter negligence among health care providers and promote quality health care, it can result in [defensive medicine](#). This commentary provides three recommendations to change the malpractice system: enhance awareness of medical error as a [learning opportunity](#), build physician [support systems](#), and reform the malpractice process to align with patient safety goals.