

## Advances in Patient Safety and Medical Liability.

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This publication describes the results of demonstration projects funded by AHRQ's [Patient Safety and Medical Liability Reform Initiative](#). Included studies examined [communication and resolution programs](#), [patient reporting](#) of adverse events, and patient perceptions of error disclosure. An overarching theme of these studies is the gap between recommended communication practices and usual clinical care and communication. Several studies demonstrated challenges of implementing health system interventions to improve safety across a range of interventions, including error disclosure training, shared decision-making, and [medication safety](#) during [transitions in care](#). These studies reveal the importance of measuring and improving [safety culture](#) as a foundation for patient safety efforts. Commentaries by various patient safety experts highlight the need for ongoing support for research at the intersection of patient safety and medical liability. A past [PSNet perspective](#) described how evidence-based improvements to the medical liability system could influence accountability and compensation for errors.