

Preventing harm in the ICU—building a culture of safety and engaging patients and families.

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Intensive care units (ICUs) are complex environments that carry high risk for medical errors. This review explores the role of [safety culture](#) and [patient and family engagement](#) in reducing opportunities for error in ICUs. The authors draw from quality improvement processes to provide insights for implementing safety initiatives and involving [patients and families](#) in these efforts.