

Medical errors, malpractice, and defensive medicine: an ill-fated triad.

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Factors that contribute to [malpractice](#) have evolved over time. This review highlights how malpractice trends have shifted from errors of commission to [errors of omission](#), resulting in more physicians practicing [defensive medicine](#). The author suggests that defensive medicine persists due to providers' concerns about being seen as lesser-quality physicians.