

What defines a high-performing health system: a systematic review.

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This systematic review sought to identify a consistently used definition of a [high-performing health system](#). Less than 20% of the included studies defined patient safety as an aspect of high performance. In a related editorial, [Dr. Peter Pronovost](#) asserts that inconsistency in defining high performance reflects the need to focus on the purpose of health care in order to achieve transformative improvement.