

The iatrogenic potential of the physician's words.

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[Inadequate information sharing](#) between physicians and patients can diminish patient safety. This commentary discusses how providing patients with certain information can contribute to stress, [misunderstandings](#), and poor decision-making. The author advocates for clinicians to [choose words](#) carefully to reduce the potential for these complications.