

## Examining the relationship of an all-cause harm patient safety measure and critical performance measures at the frontline of care.

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[Trigger tools](#) harness electronic health record data to [detect and ameliorate](#) safety hazards. Triggers can identify errors in a specific area or more globally [measure](#) an organization's safety. Researchers at a large community hospital developed a robust trigger tool to measure [all-cause patient harm](#) and assessed what predicted lower all-cause harm at the unit level. Units with increased employee engagement, stronger [safety culture](#), and better patient experience were all correlated with lower rates of all-cause harm. The authors suggest that their tool could serve as a [composite measure](#) of patient safety, replacing the hundreds of safety metrics institutions are required to report. A [PSNet perspective](#) reinforced the value of a strong safety culture and discussed techniques for bringing about culture change.