

An assessment of the impact of just culture on quality and safety in US hospitals.

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[Just culture](#) is a movement to shift from [blame](#) for errors and instead focus on [system issues](#) in order to enhance event reporting and learning from failures. This study examined a survey about just culture in conjunction with [Hospital Compare](#) quality ratings and AHRQ's [Hospital Survey on Patient Safety Culture](#). The vast majority of the 270 hospitals that responded to the survey reported adopting just culture. However, respondents reported no improvement in nonpunitive response to error, indicating that a culture of blame persists. The study also found no association between hospital quality ratings and just culture implementation. The author concludes that just culture is not sufficient to create a blame-free culture in hospitals. An [Annual Perspective](#) reviewed the context of the no-blame movement and the recent shift toward a framework of a just culture.