

## **Incident reporting to improve patient safety: the effects of process variance on pediatric patient safety in the emergency department.**

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[Deviating](#) from standard work processes has the potential to compromise safety. Using data from the Pediatric Emergency Care Applied Research Network, researchers analyzed [incident reports](#) determined to be process variance events. They found that 5.6% of events resulted in some form of temporary patient harm.