

## Mix-ups between epidural analgesia and IV antibiotics in labor and delivery units continue to cause harm.

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Increased urgency to prevent [maternal mortality](#) has uncovered various [factors](#) that diminish safety. This newsletter article reports on incidents involving the accidental misuse of epidural [analgesia](#) and intravenous antibiotics in [labor and delivery care](#), describes contributing factors (e.g., health technology missteps, barcoding mistakes, and look-alike medications), and offers improvement strategies to mitigate harm.