

## Improving resident and fellow engagement in patient safety through a graduate medical education incentive program.

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[Voluntary reporting](#) of safety events is a widespread patient safety practice, but safety events are known to be [underreported](#), especially by [physicians](#). This uncontrolled intervention study aimed to increase error reporting by residents and fellows by providing a financial incentive of about \$200 to report at least two safety events per year. More than half of eligible trainee physicians received the incentive, and the resultant increase in safety reports was sustained over 3 years. One related commentary suggests providing team-based incentives instead of the individual payments, and another commentary questions whether increased safety reporting translates to safer care and urges caution in incentivizing event reporting. A past [PSNet perspective](#) discussed the effect of financial incentives on patient safety.