

Abandon the term "second victim."

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The term "[second victim](#)," coined by [Dr. Albert Wu](#), has engendered [mixed responses](#) from patients and health care professionals. This commentary raises concerns that the term negates the sense of responsibility for errors that result in harm and advocates for abandoning it.