

A qualitative positive deviance study to explore exceptionally safe care on medical wards for older people.

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This qualitative study compared four high-performing geriatric inpatient units with four average-performance units in order to understand factors that contribute to high performance. The authors conclude that the safety practices did not differ between the high versus average performers. Instead, optimal [teamwork](#) and positive [safety culture](#) led the high-performing wards to implement these safety practices in a more effective way.