

## The impact of errors on healthcare professionals in the critical care setting.

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The [second victim effect](#) has been used to describe the emotional impact that providers may experience when involved in a medical error, adverse event, or unanticipated patient outcome. In this survey study, researchers found that members of a critical care society frequently admitted to experiencing negative emotions such as blame and guilt when responding to questions involving scenarios of different types of errors. Nearly 70% of respondents suggested that team debriefings and talking with colleagues could help [mitigate](#) the second victim effect.