

The effect of external inspections on safety in acute hospitals in the National Health Service in England: a controlled interrupted time-series analysis.

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In the United States, unannounced [accreditation inspections](#) are deployed extensively to evaluate [hospital safety](#). This interrupted time-series analysis found that enhanced accreditation procedures in the United Kingdom did not improve rates of either pressure ulcers or falls. In a [PSNet interview](#), the president of The Joint Commission discussed how accrediting bodies can help achieve high reliability.