

The Harvard Medical Practice Study trigger system performance in deceased patients.

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This retrospective study evaluated the performance of a [trigger tool](#) in detecting safety problems in inpatients. Researchers examined the records of deceased patients and found that the trigger tools flagged many patient records in which no [adverse event](#) had occurred. This high false-positive rate led them to conclude that trigger tools are too labor-intensive to be feasible for real-world [detection of safety hazards](#).