

Never events in UK general practice: A survey of the views of general practitioners on their frequency and acceptability as a safety improvement approach

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"Never events" are serious but generally preventable patient safety incidents. This study surveyed general practitioners in the UK to assess the incidence of specific never-events in those practices, and whether practitioners agreed with the specific events being designated as a never-event. The most commonly reported events were not investigating abnormal test results (45% of practices) and prescribing despite documented adverse reactions (65% of practices); however, these events were also less likely to be designated "never events" by respondents.