

## **A critical review: moral injury in nurses in the aftermath of a patient safety incident.**

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This article provides a critical review of the literature about moral injury observed in nurses after a patient safety incident. The authors describe 'moral injury' as an experience violating deeply held moral values and beliefs, which can place an individual at risk for burnout and post-traumatic stress disorder. Moral injury symptoms identified in this review included guilt, shame, spiritual-existential crisis, and loss of trust. The authors posit that moral injury may be a more appropriate term for what has been historically referred to as the '[second victim](#)' phenomenon.