

Fighting a common enemy: a catalyst to close intractable safety gaps.

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This Viewpoint presents examples of short-term positive effects resulting from early COVID-19-related patient safety efforts, including a focus on (1) [high-reliability organizations](#) and safety culture focusing on transparency, collaboration, reporting, and speaking up, (2) prioritizing [workplace safety](#), and (3) removing barriers to using [health IT](#) (e.g., EHRs, telemedicine) to improve safety and how to create some permanent/sustainable methods to prevent harm.