

## **The impact of power on health care team performance and patient safety: a review of the literature.**

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Power dynamics can influence [effective](#) team performance and [patient safety](#). This systematic review examined the influence of actual or [perceived](#) 'power' on teamwork within multidisciplinary healthcare settings. Findings indicate that power imbalances can result in negative effects on team collaboration, decision-making, communication, and performance. An April 2020 [WebM&M](#) commentary discusses the effect of power dynamics on interprofessional healthcare teams.