

Assessment of overuse of medical tests and treatments at US hospitals using Medicare claims.

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Overtreatment and [overuse](#) of healthcare services have been identified as potential sources of patient [harm](#). Using Medicare fee-for-services claims, this study sought to describe hospital characteristics associated with 12 low-value services. Results showed the highest levels of overuse were associated with nonteaching and for-profit hospitals, particularly in the American South. The authors suggest [interventions](#) to decrease overuse and overtreatment could be targeted based on hospital characteristics and region.