

Examining causes and prevention strategies of adverse events in deceased hospital patients: a retrospective patient record review study in the Netherlands.

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This study used trained reviewers to examine [root causes](#) of adverse events in 571 deceased hospital patients in the Netherlands. Preventable adverse events were commonly caused by technical, organizational, and human causes; technical causes also commonly contributed to preventable deaths from adverse events. The authors discuss [strategies](#) to [reduce](#) adverse events, including improving communication and information structures, evaluating safety behaviors, and continuous monitoring of patient safety and quality data.