

Root cause analysis of adverse events involving opioid overdoses in the Veterans Health Administration.

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Opioid misuse and overdose continues to be a patient safety concern. This study conducted root cause analyses of 82 adverse event reports involving opioid use at the [Veterans Health Administration](#). The most frequent event type was medication administration error and the most frequent root cause was staff not following hospital [policies](#) or hospitals not having opioid-related policies.