

The perfect storm: exam of a medical error and factors contributing to its possible escalation.

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The [majority](#) of preventable adverse events are multifactorial in nature and are a result of system failures. Using a case study, the authors outline a series of errors following misplacement of a PICC line. Failures include differences in recording electronic health record notes and [communication](#) between providers. Investigations of all adverse events will help identify and correct [system](#) failures to improve patient safety.