

Challenges and potential solutions for patient safety in an infectious-agent-isolation environment: a study of 484 COVID-19-related event reports across 94 hospitals

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[Isolation](#) for infection prevention and control – albeit necessary – may result in unintended consequences and [adverse events](#). Drawing from data submitted to the Pennsylvania Patient Safety Reporting System ([PA-PSRS](#)), researchers explored safety events that impacted COVID-19-positive or rule-out status patients in insolation. The most common safety events included pressure injuries or other skin integrity events, falls, and medication-related events.