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In consultation with AHRQ, the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services delivered a final report on [effective strategies](#) to improve patient safety and reduce medical errors to Congress. Required by the [Patient Safety Act of 2005](#), the report was made available for public review and [comment](#), and review by the [National Academy of Medicine](#). It outlined several strategies to accelerate progress in improving patient safety, including using analytic approaches in patient safety research, measurement, and practice improvement to monitor risk; implementing evidence-based practices in real-world settings through clinically useful tools and infrastructure; encouraging the development of learning health systems that integrate continuous learning and improvement in day-to-day operations; and encouraging the use of patient safety strategies outlined in the [National Action Plan](#) by the National Steering Committee for Patient Safety.