

Health care safety during the pandemic and beyond-- building a system that ensures resilience.

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The COVID-19 pandemic [disrupted](#) many aspects of health care. This commentary discusses its impact on [patient safety](#). The authors discuss how the pandemic response dismantled [strategies](#) put in place to prevent [healthcare-associated infections](#) and falls, and stressors placed on both patients and healthcare workers directed attention away from ongoing safety improvement efforts. They argue that more [resilience](#) needs to be built into the system to ensure safety efforts are sustainable in challenging times.