

Quality and safety outcomes of a hospital merger following a full integration at a safety net hospital.

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This study examined whether a full-integration approach to a hospital [merger](#) and acquisitions (consisting of early leadership integration, rapid transition to electronic health record systems, local ownership of quality metrics, dashboards featuring system goals and actional analytics, and use of value-based and analytic-driven interventions) improved [patient outcomes](#). Compared to the situation pre-merger, findings show that in-hospital mortality and hospital-acquired infection rates were lower, while patient satisfaction were higher after the full-integration merger.