

## Increased mortality and costs associated with adverse events in intensive care unit patients.

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Adverse events (AE) may lead to poor patient outcomes as well as increased [financial](#) costs. An analysis of more than 17,000 adult intensive care unit patients showed approximately 35% experienced at least one healthcare associated adverse event. Those patients had significantly longer hospital stays, experienced higher rates of in-hospital mortality, and required more invasive intensive care unit (ICU) interventions. Additionally, the total cost of the hospital stay was significantly higher, mostly due to increased [length of stay](#).