

## **Factors associated with malpractice claim payout: an analysis of closed emergency department claims.**

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Analysis of closed [malpractice](#) claims can be used to identify potential safety hazards in a variety of clinical settings. This analysis of closed emergency department malpractice claims indicates that diagnostic errors dominate, and clinical judgment and documentation categories continue to be associated with a higher likelihood of payout. Subcategories and contributing [factors](#) are also discussed.