

## **Alcoholism and American healthcare: the case for a patient safety approach.**

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Implicit [biases](#) and [stigma](#) can negatively impact health care provided to patients with substance use disorders such as alcohol use disorder (AUD). This narrative review concluded that patients with AUD are frequently undiagnosed and not appropriately referred for treatment or treated. The authors cite barriers to effective care for patients with AUD, including poor [integration](#) and coordination between medical care and behavioral health care in the United States.