

## **An evidence and consensus-based definition of second victim: a strategic topic in healthcare quality, patient safety, person-centeredness and human resource management.**

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'[Second victim](#)' is [controversial term](#) used to describe health care professionals who experience continuing psychological harm after involvement in a medical error or adverse event. In this study, an expert panel reviewed existing definitions of 'second victim' in the literature and proposed a new consensus-based definition.