

## **Review of alternatives to root cause analysis: developing a robust system for incident report analysis.**

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[Root cause analysis](#) is a fundamental approach to understanding how failures occur, but some have [questioned](#) its effectiveness in health care. This review highlights alternative approaches to incident analysis that address some of the concerns with root cause analysis, such as time commitment and lack of follow up.