

## **Family involvement, patient safety and suicide prevention in mental healthcare: ethnographic study.**

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[Families](#) can offer a unique perspective to improve patient care. This study describes ways families keep patients safe from suicide during crisis resolution [home treatment](#) in the UK. Families increased safety by hiding medications or distracting patients who were in crisis. Challenges to involving families are detailed, as well as ways organizations can overcome those challenges.