

The family's contribution to patient safety.

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Family involvement in care can have [mixed](#) results for patient safety. Interviews with nurses show seven ways families can [hinder](#) safety and ten ways they improve safety. The risk of infection was the greatest safety threat and being a unique source of information helped increase patient safety. Interestingly, "greater workload for nurses" was identified as a facilitator of patient safety, potentially, as it lowered the stress experienced by the nurse and increased family satisfaction and positive involvement.