

Unpacking the complexity of COVID-19 fatalities: adverse events as contributing factors--a single-center, retrospective analysis of the first two years of the pandemic.

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The [COVID-19 pandemic](#) exacerbated many existing patient safety [challenges](#). This retrospective analysis of 477 fatal COVID-19 cases at one hospital in Poland found that one-third of patients experienced a healthcare-acquired infection during their hospitalization as well as other hospital-acquired complications, including thrombolytic and/or bleeding complications, acute kidney injury, and exacerbation of chronic heart disease. The analysis also found that many patients experienced delays in specialist treatment (33%) or lack of specialist treatment (17%) during their hospitalization.