

## **Validity of 16 AHRQ Patient Safety Indicators to identify in-hospital complications: a medical record review across nine Swiss hospitals.**

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The [AHRQ Patient Safety Indicators](#) (PSIs) are [used](#) to identify patient safety events in acute care settings using administrative data. This retrospective study examined the performance of 16 PSIs across nine hospitals in Switzerland (where the indicators had not been previously applied). The authors attributed low positive predictive value (PPV) in three of the PSIs (pressure injury, falls, and perioperative embolism/thrombosis) to lack of [present-on-admission](#) (POA) information, whereas performance of several other indicators were not influenced by missing POA flags.