

## Retrospective cohort study of wrong-patient imaging order errors: how many reach the patient?

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[Near misses](#) (also referred to as close calls) represent important opportunities for safety improvement. Using retrospective data from January 1 to December 31, 2019, this study calculated the proportion of [wrong-patient](#) imaging orders involving [radiation](#) that are intercepted, and those that reached the patient. The researchers estimated an overall rate of 51.5 per 100,000 imaging orders involving wrong-patient orders, with 50 near-miss events for every 1 error that reached the patient.