

Three quarters of preventable patient harm stems from situation awareness breakdowns: recognizing and addressing the core issue.

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[Situation awareness](#) is a crisis management concept drawn from aviation safety to be used in examination of [complex care situations](#) to understand failures and design improvement strategies. This article introduces [situation awareness](#) and how lack thereof can jeopardize patient safety.