

Experiences of physicians investigated for professionalism concerns: a narrative review.

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When a physician's [unprofessional](#) behavior is reported by patients, families, or [staff](#), an appropriate investigation must be conducted. While the investigations are critical for ensuring patient safety, physicians experience negative emotional and mental impacts, as well as changes to their clinical practice (e.g., [defensive medicine](#)). This review summarizes studies on physicians' experiences during and after investigations and mitigation strategies.