

## **Patient safety indicators during the initial COVID-19 pandemic surge in the United States.**

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The [COVID-19 pandemic](#) led to dramatic changes in healthcare delivery and presented [new challenges](#) to safe patient care. Among patients ages 18 years and older admitted to the hospital between January 2019 and June 2020, this study found that the first surge of the COVID-19 pandemic was not associated with an increase in patient safety events (measured using the [AHRQ patient safety indicators](#)) among patients without COVID-19. Among the individual PSIs, only in-hospital falls with hip fractures were significantly higher during the first surge of the pandemic.