

## The safety of outpatient health care: review of electronic health records.

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Although most care occurs in outpatient settings, research into [adverse events](#) (AE) in this setting remains sparse in comparison to acute care. In this study, the medical records of patients who received outpatient care (e.g., primary, [radiology](#), emergency, ambulatory surgery) in Massachusetts in 2018, were reviewed for any occurrence of adverse events. Seven percent had at least one AE, most commonly [adverse drug events](#), and 23% were potentially preventable. Most AE originated from care in the physician's office.