

Physician specialty differences in unprofessional behaviors observed and reported by coworkers.

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[Unprofessional behavior](#) creates an environment prone to complications, poor staff communication, and loss of patient trust. In participating hospitals, staff can submit safety reports about coworkers demonstrating unprofessional behavior to the [Coworker Concern Observation Reporting System](#) (CORS). This study breaks down CORS reports by physician specialty (nonsurgeon nonproceduralists, emergency medicine physicians, nonsurgeon proceduralists, and [surgeons](#)). Less than 10% of all staff had 1 or more reports. Surgeons had the highest percentage of physicians with at least one CORS report (13.8%) and nonsurgeon nonproceduralists had the least (5.6%). A subanalysis compared pediatric and non-pediatric specialists. Pediatric nonsurgeon nonproceduralists had fewer reports compared to nonpediatric nonsurgeon nonproceduralists. There were no differences between the other three groups.