

Developing a process to measure actual harm from medication errors in paediatric inpatients: from design to implementation.

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[Measuring](#) the incidence and severity of potential or actual harm is an ongoing challenge in patient safety. In this study at one pediatric hospital, researchers evaluated a new systematic approach using multidisciplinary review to assess [actual harm](#) from inpatient medication errors. Among 566 cases identified via medical record review and direct observation of medication administration, the multidisciplinary panel identified actual harm in 89 cases, with three-quarters of actual harm occurring in medication administration cases.