

# Preventable medical error

The [Institute of Medicine's](#) landmark report, To Err is Human: Building a Safer Health System, brought into focus the preventable medical errors that are negatively affecting patient outcomes <sup>1)</sup>.

Preventable medical errors in the neurosurgical field are of particular interest, given the <sup>2) 3) 4)</sup> potentially fatal consequences. Among the factors contributing to this problem is that variance <sup>5) 6)</sup>.

Among the factors contributing to this [problem](#) is that variance between [providers](#) exposes the [healthcare system](#) to inefficiencies and worse [health outcomes](#) <sup>7) 8) 9) 10) 11)</sup>.

There is a need for the systematic accumulation of [evidence](#) to support [clinical decision-making](#) <sup>12)</sup> [Quality](#).

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