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Patient safety perspective on Electronic Health Records

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Electronic health records (EHR) are promoted due to their capacity to reduce clinicians' workloads, costs and errors. However, new technology may also pose novel risks to patient safety by disrupting established, traditional working norms and creating new risks in practices related to HIT design, implementation and use. Different patient safety data sources that complement each other are useful in identifying hazards and providing a more comprehensive view of the risks in a particular system. I will talk about the possibilities and challenges of monitoring, identifying and learning more about safety incidents involving health information technology.

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