

Article of the Month

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Quality improvement priorities for safer out-of-hours palliative care: Lessons from a mixed-methods analysis of a national incident-reporting database

Williams et al,

Palliative Medicine, 2019; 33(3): 346-356.

Palliative care, increasingly delivered in community settings, poses unique patient safety challenges. This paper, via a mixed methods cross-sectional analysis of patient safety reports, explores the nature and causes of unsafe care delivered to patients receiving palliative care from primary care services outside normal working hours.

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Delirium management by palliative medicine specialists: a survey from the association for palliative medicine of Great Britain and Ireland

Boland et al,

BMJ Supportive and Palliative Care, 2019, 2018-001586

Delirium is a common and underdiagnosed condition in patients receiving palliative care. This cross-sectional survey of members of the Association of Palliative Medicine for Great Britain and Ireland assesses specialist clinicians' current practice in assessment and management of delirium.

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