



## Investigating the Causes of Lack of Reporting Medical Errors from the Viewpoint of Nursing Authorities in All Hospitals of Tehran University of Medical Sciences in 2016

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### Dear Editor-in-Chief

Monitoring patient safety, including attempts to prevent injuries caused by the delivery of health services, has become one of the most important global issues, the WHO also aims to improve globally (1). In the healthcare sector, patient safety is one of the important indicators of health care quality. In order to achieve patient safety, there is a need to create functional systems and processes that minimize mistakes and errors (2, 3).

In this study, causes of lack of reporting the medical errors from the viewpoint of nursing authorities were assessed in hospital affiliated to Tehran University of Medical Sciences. Medical error questionnaire (4) has been used to collect information. According to the collected information, three factors of legal, supervisory, and financial factors among the five factors have been introduced as effective for developing the culture of medical errors report. Currently, nurses have also negligence due to lack of job opportunities as well as fears of supervisors, in the absence of a medical error report, that will be dealing better by reward and punishment system, as well as increased occupational safety. All of these factors are used to improve the patient's safety and make an effective step for reporting the medical errors.

In order to increase the reporting of medical errors, affective factors should be strongly considered for

promoting the culture of reporting medical errors among medical personnel. Hospital managers should consider all these factors for increasing reporting approach.

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The authors declare that there is no conflict of interest.

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