

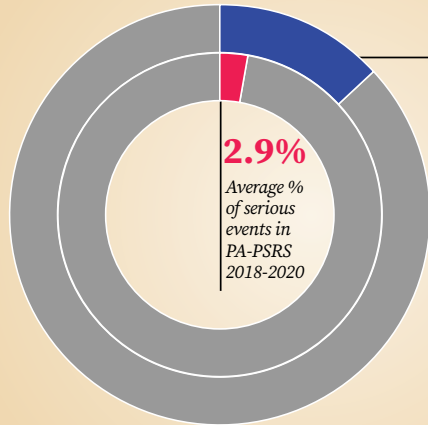
Safety Events Impacting Hospitalized Patients Following Motor Vehicle Crashes: A Qualitative Study of Reports from Pennsylvania Hospitals



282 reports

of patient safety events impacting hospitalized patients following motor vehicle crashes submitted to the Pennsylvania Patient Safety Reporting System (PA-PSRS) that occurred from 2018–2020

Problems with monitoring or treatment following a motor vehicle crash were most common
(43.3%; 122 of 282)



13.1%

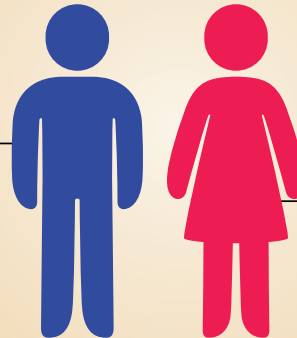
Reports classified as serious events
(i.e., events that resulted in patient harm)

2.9%

Average % of serious events in PA-PSRS 2018-2020

Patients were more often male than female

Male
58.9%



Female
41.1%

Potential contributing factors included:

- Communication breakdowns
- Lack of policies or protocols, or unawareness about existing policies or protocols for treating certain patient populations
- Prioritization of conditions related to a motor vehicle crash over underlying health conditions