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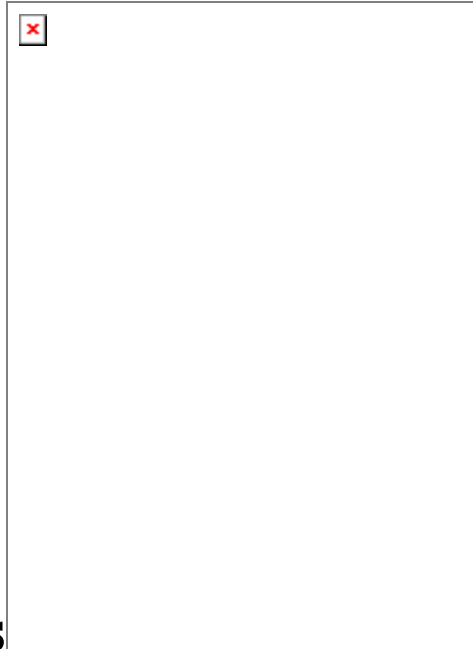
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## Patient Safety in Public Hospitals

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The risk that patients are harmed while receiving healthcare can never be mitigated entirely. Nevertheless, estimates suggest approximately 50 per cent of care-related injuries are avoidable, and the challenge for health services is to ensure their patient safety systems minimise the risk of harm.

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