How can administrators and clinicians reduce low-value care?

The Institute of Medicine estimates low-value care (LVC) was a $765 billion problem in 2013 alone.

Interviews with healthcare experts revealed 3 approaches:

1. **Reduce Medical Errors**
   To reduce errors, focus on improving care processes and reducing care fragmentation; recognize that errors and overuse are different problems.

2. **Resolve Pricing Failures**
   Reliable pricing and quality information key to addressing variation in both medical services and drugs.

3. **Avoid Overuse/Overtreatment**
   To see the greatest reductions in spending, reduce LVC that is circumstance-dependent while protecting patient access in situations where care may offer benefit.

Learn more about this study in *Health Affairs* and about the strategies experts recommend to promote value in healthcare. Visit [www.npcnow.org](http://www.npcnow.org).