Articles of Interest : Quality

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Quality•Net

Clinical Excellence Commission (CEC)
Check out their Projects and Programs page which covers a varied range of projects:

The Patient Flow and Safety Collaborative aimed to reduce the rates of significant adverse events through fostering a safety culture (includes a toolkit).

Other projects include chronic care, falls prevention, venous thromboembolism prevention.

Maryland Hospital Guide
http://mhcc.maryland.gov/consumerinfo/hospitalguide
Check out the Quality Leaders Guide which includes quality measures to assess the quality of care for Heart Attack (AMI), Heart Failure (CHF), Pneumonia, Surgical Infection Prevention (SIP) - Hip, Knee, Colon Surgeries

Cleveland Clinic Quality outcomes
http://www.clevelandclinic.org/quality/outcomes/
The Clinic created this series of outcomes books summarizing surgical and medical trends and approaches; data on patient volume and outcomes; and new technologies and innovations.

Intended for Cleveland’s own surgical and medical departments and also for a wider health care provider audience.

National Center for Patient Safety
http://www.va.gov/ncps/pubs.html
This American governmental organisation has a number of publications worth notice. Includes their Topics in Patient Safety (TIPS) series:
Nov/Dec - root cause analysis.
Jan/Feb - JCAHO National Patient Safety Goals,

By the way: What makes a near miss?

Medical errors continue to make headlines and a number of articles mention near-miss incidents. What makes a near miss?

A near-miss is: where a patient safety incident was prevented because some course of action was taken. Example: If drugs are written up and are about to be given to the wrong patient but were spotted and not actually given, this is a near-miss.

A near-miss is not: where an incident has occurred without harm to the patient. Example: If the drugs were given to the wrong patient but the patient suffered no harm, this is not a near-miss, but a minor incident in which the patient suffered no ill effect.

This useful distinction is from St Mary’s Hospital quality newsletter “Quality matters” available at: http://www.st-marys.nhs.uk/qualitymatters.html

“A near-miss is where a patient safety incident was prevented because some course of action was taken.”
From St Mary’s Hospital quality newsletter “Quality matters” (Summer 2005)

Checked any good healthcare Blogs lately?

Richard Smith on health care quality  Richard Smith formerly editor of the British Medical Journal (BMJ). Known for his provocative comments about the quality of healthcare see his blog on the Guardian newspaper website:
http://commentisfree.guardian.co.uk/richard_smith/

Nursing Research: Show me the evidence! The Saint Joseph Hospital(Orange, California) blog for discussion forum for those interested in evidenced based nursing
http://evidencebasednursing.blogspot.com/
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New books of Interest  Nothing specific to quality this month but these may be of interest.


2. The physician’s survival guide for the hospital : let the hospital work for you [Samuel H. Steinberg]. New York; Lincoln: iUniverse, c2006.  WX 203 S819 200


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