

3rd Global Ministerial Summit on Patient Safety

Utilization of Big Data for Safety Measures

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A Very Brief History

1991: Harvard Medical Practice Study – 1984 data – 3% Injury Rate

1990's: Multiple Other Studies – High Variation in Findings – 3% to 33% "The harder you look, the more you find."

1994: Lucian Leape: JAMA: "Error in Medicine"

1999: IOM: "To Err Is Human"

2002: England: "An Organisation with a Memory" – Sir Liam Donaldson

2003: IHI Global Trigger Tool

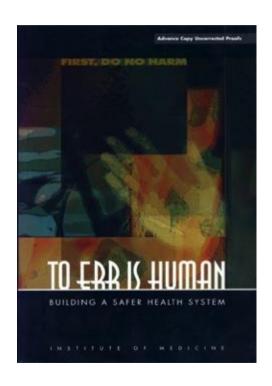
Adverse Events per 1000 Patient Days

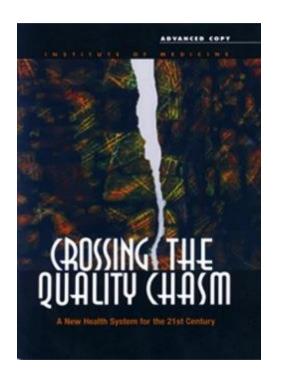
Adverse Events per 100 Admissions

Percent of Admissions with an Adverse Event

Near Future: Automated Global Trigger Tool

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The IHI Global Trigger Tool

Tools







http://www.ihi.org/resources/Pages/Tools/ IHIGIobalTriggerToolforMeasuringAEs.as px

IHI Global Trigger Tool for Measuring Adverse Events

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The use of "triggers," or clues, to identify adverse events (AEs) is an effective method for measuring the overall level of harm in a health care organization. The IHI Global Trigger Tool for Measuring AEs provides instructions for training reviewers in this methodology and conducting a retrospective review of patient records using triggers to identify possible AEs. This tool includes a list of known AE triggers as well as instructions for selecting records, training information, and appendices with references and common questions. The tool provides instructions and forms for collecting the data you need to track three measures:

- Adverse Events per 1.000 Patient Days
- · Adverse Events per 100 Admissions
- Percent of Admissions with an Adverse Event

Good News and Bad News

 Good: Efficient ways to detect hazards and injuries in patient care using large databases and automated search will soon be in our hands, allowing some stability in calculating adverse event rates.

 But – caution!!! This very innovation will introduce risks to the overall patient safety agenda. Leaders need to anticipate and mitigate these risks.

Risks to Avoid

- 1. Continuing misallocation of resources... Too much to measurement Too little to culture change and redesign. ("Weighing a pig does not make a pig fatter.")
- 2. Hindsight bias and simplistic interpretation. ("Safety is a continually emerging dynamic property of a complex system." James Reason)

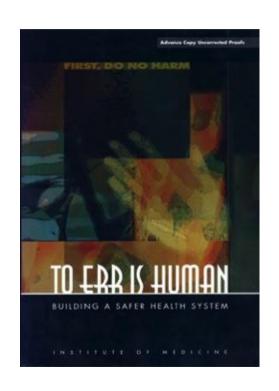
"Safety is not a goal; it is a continually emerging, dynamic property of a system."

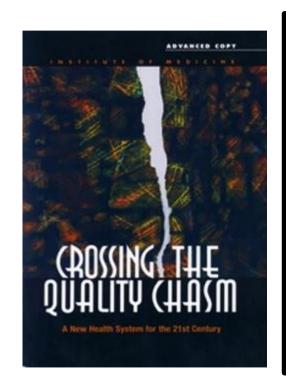
- James Reason

Risks to Avoid

- 3. Fear. Safety can thrive only in a culture of trust, learning, and openness. Fear poisons safety.
- 4. Suboptimizing the safety agenda. ("Quality and safety" = "Fruit and apples.") Excellence and continual improvement in all dimensions that matter is the proper goal.
- 5. Pushing aside what matters. Safety is an important aim, but not the only aim.

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Aims for Improvement

- 1. Safety
- 2. Effectiveness
 - 3. Patient-

Centeredness

- 4. Timeliness
- 5. Efficiency
 - 6. Equity

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We can measure injuries.

 In the wrong culture, measurement can do more harm than good.

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