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Crossing the Quality Chasm - Institute of Medicine 2001-08-19

Second in a series of publications from the Institute of Medicine's Quality of Health Care in America project Today's health care providers have more research findings and more technology available to them than ever before. Yet recent reports have raised serious doubts about the quality of health care in America. Crossing the Quality Chasm makes an urgent call for fundamental change to close the quality gap. This book recommends a sweeping redesign of the American health care system and provides overarching principles for specific direction for policymakers, health care leaders, clinicians, regulators, purchasers, and others. In this comprehensive volume the committee offers: A set of performance expectations for the 21st century health care system. A set of 10 new rules to guide patient-clinician relationships. A suggested organizing framework to better align the incentives inherent in payment and accountability with improvements in quality. Key steps to promote evidence-based practice and strengthen clinical information systems. Analyzing health care organizations as complex systems, Crossing the Quality Chasm also documents the causes of the quality gap, identifies current practices that impede quality care, and explores how systems approaches can be used to implement change.

Medical Records - GD Mogli 2017-02-27

Technical Specifications for Oxygen Concentrators - World Health Organization 2016-10-25

The purpose of this guidance document is for the appropriate selection procurement utilization and maintenance of oxygen concentrators. This document also focuses on recommendations for the appropriate use and maintenance of oxygen concentrators in an effort to increase the availability management and quality of oxygen concentrators and ultimately to improve health outcomes in LRS. This document is intended to serve as a resource for the planning and provision of local and national oxygen concentrator systems for use by administrators clinicians and technicians who are interested in improving access to oxygen therapy and reducing global mortality associated with hypoxaemia.

Guidelines on Hepatitis B and C Testing - World Health Organization 2018-02-06

Testing and diagnosis of hepatitis B (HBV) and C (HCV) infection is the gateway for access to both prevention and treatment services, and is a crucial component of an effective response to the hepatitis epidemic. Early identification of persons with chronic HBV or HCV infection enables them to receive the necessary care and treatment to prevent or delay progression of liver disease. Testing also provides an opportunity to link people to interventions to reduce transmission, through counselling on risk behaviors and provision of prevention commodities (such as sterile needles and syringes) and hepatitis B vaccination. These are the first WHO guidelines on testing for chronic HBV and HCV infection and complement published guidance by WHO on the prevention, care and treatment of chronic hepatitis C and hepatitis B infection. These guidelines outline the public health approach to strengthening and expanding current testing practices for HBV and HCV, and are intended for use across age groups and populations.

Guideline for Isolation Precautions in Hospitals - Julia S. Garner 1983

Essentials of Hospital Infection Control - S Apruba Sastry 2019-02-08

WHO Guidelines on Drawing Blood - Neelam Dhingra 2010

Phlebotomy uses large, hollow needles to remove blood specimens for lab testing or blood donation. Each step in the process carries risks - both for patients and health workers. Patients may be bruised. Health workers may receive needle-stick injuries. Both can become infected with bloodborne organisms such as hepatitis B, HIV, syphilis or malaria. Moreover, each step affects the quality of the specimen and the

diagnosis. A contaminated specimen will produce a misdiagnosis. Clerical errors can prove fatal. The new WHO guidelines provide recommended steps for safe phlebotomy and reiterate accepted principles for drawing, collecting blood and transporting blood to laboratories/blood banks.

HVAC Design Manual for Hospitals and Clinics - Ashrae 2013

"Provides in-depth design recommendations and proven, cost effective, and reliable solutions for health care HVAC design that provide low maintenance cost and high reliability based on best practices from consulting and hospital engineers with decades of experience in the design, construction, and operation of health care facilities"--

WHO Guidelines on Hand Hygiene in Health Care - World Health Organization 2009

The WHO Guidelines on Hand Hygiene in Health Care provide health-care workers (HCWs), hospital administrators and health authorities with a thorough review of evidence on hand hygiene in health care and specific recommendations to improve practices and reduce transmission of pathogenic microorganisms to patients and HCWs. The present Guidelines are intended to be implemented in any situation in which health care is delivered either to a patient or to a specific group in a population. Therefore, this concept applies to all settings where health care is permanently or occasionally performed, such as home care by birth attendants. Definitions of health-care settings are proposed in Appendix 1. These Guidelines and the associated WHO Multimodal Hand Hygiene Improvement Strategy and an Implementation Toolkit (<http://www.who.int/gpsc/en/>) are designed to offer health-care facilities in Member States a conceptual framework and practical tools for the application of recommendations in practice at the bedside. While ensuring consistency with the Guidelines recommendations, individual adaptation according to local regulations, settings, needs, and resources is desirable. This extensive review includes in one document sufficient technical information to support training materials and help plan implementation strategies. The document comprises six parts.

Hospital Infection Control Guidelines: Principles and Practice - Gupta Singh 2012-01-01

This book Hospital Infection Control Guidelines: Principles and Practice aims to provide comprehensive, acceptable, implementable and effective guidelines on Infection Control in various healthcare facilities. The book deliberates on all aspects of infection control in healthcare facilities including prevention, processes, infrastructure and training. Analyses the existing guidelines on infection control and recommends micro- and macro-guidelines appropriate to healthcare facilities at various levels, i.e. primary, secondary and tertiary. As per the World Health Organization statistics, at any.

Code of Federal Regulations - 2003

Communicate Care Cure - Alexander Thomas 2019-09-07

This book aims to increase awareness about the importance of communication in health care. Written by healthcare professionals and Communication experts, it is replete with real-life scenarios that readers can identify with, and will serve as a guide to effective and efficient communication that affects the most important stakeholders in health care - The patient.

Remington - Linda A. Felton 2013

Provides a concise yet detailed resource covering all aspects of pharmaceuticals, from the scientific fundamentals to the dosage forms and drug delivery systems to drug product analyses. Assists with integrating the science of pharmacy into practice. Chapters from the original parent text Remington: The Science and Practice of Pharmacy 22nd edition were specifically selected to create this new edition. The text pulls heavily from the Pharmaceuticals and Pharmaceutical Dosage Forms sections. Various delivery systems and dosage forms are covered as well

as parenterals, sterilization processes, and sterile compounding. One chapter addresses pharmaceutical excipients and another discusses pharmaceutical packaging. Pharmaceutical analysis, product characterization, quality control, stability, bioavailability, and dissolution are also covered. Fundamental scientific concepts including thermodynamics, ionic solutions and electrolyte equilibria, tonicity, chemical kinetics, rheology, complex formation and interfacial phenomenon are presented. The text also provides an introduction to pharmacokinetics and pharmacodynamics and the principles of absorption, distribution, metabolism and excretion. In addition, some introductory concepts on drug discovery and drug product approval as well as information resources in pharmacy and the pharmaceutical sciences are presented.

Manual of Hospital Planning and Designing - Ajay Garg 2022-01-29

This book is a one-stop resource on all the critical aspects of planning and designing hospitals, one of the most complex healthcare projects to undertake. A well-planned and designed hospital should control infection rate, provide safety to patients, caregivers and visitors, help improve patients' recovery and have scope for future expansion and change. Reinforcing these basic principles, guidance on such effective planning and designing is the key focus. Readers are offered insights into eliminating shortcomings at every stage of setting up a hospital which may not be feasible to rectify later on through alterations. Chapters from 1 to 12 of the book provide exhaustive notes on initial planning, such as detailed project reports, feasibility studies, and area calculation. Chapters 13 to 27 include designing and layout of all the essential departments/units such as OPD, emergency, intermediate care, diagnostics, operating rooms, and intensive care units. Chapters 28 to 37 cover designing support services like sterilization department, pharmacy, medical gas pipeline, kitchen, laundry, medical record, and mortuary. Chapters 38 to 48 take the readers through planning other services like air-conditioning and ventilation, fire safety, extra low voltage, mechanical, electrical, and plumbing services. Chapter 49 is for the planning of medical equipment. A particular chapter on "Green" hospital designing is included. This book is a single essential tabletop reference for hospital consultants, medical and hospital administrators, hospital designers, architecture students, and hospital promoters.

Textbook of Patient Safety and Clinical Risk Management - Liam Donaldson 2020-12-14

Implementing safety practices in healthcare saves lives and improves the quality of care: it is therefore vital to apply good clinical practices, such as the WHO surgical checklist, to adopt the most appropriate measures for the prevention of assistance-related risks, and to identify the potential ones using tools such as reporting & learning systems. The culture of safety in the care environment and of human factors influencing it should be developed from the beginning of medical studies and in the first years of professional practice, in order to have the maximum impact on clinicians' and nurses' behavior. Medical errors tend to vary with the level of proficiency and experience, and this must be taken into account in adverse events prevention. Human factors assume a decisive importance in resilient organizations, and an understanding of risk control and containment is fundamental for all medical and surgical specialties. This open access book offers recommendations and examples of how to improve patient safety by changing practices, introducing organizational and technological innovations, and creating effective, patient-centered, timely, efficient, and equitable care systems, in order to spread the quality and patient safety culture among the new generation of healthcare professionals, and is intended for residents and young professionals in different clinical specialties.

Disease Control Priorities, Third Edition (Volume 3) - Hellen Gelband 2015-10-29

Volume 3, Cancer, presents the complex patterns of cancer incidence and death around the world and evidence on effective and cost-effective ways to control cancers. The DCP3 evaluation of cancer will indicate where cancer treatment is ineffective and wasteful, and offer alternative cancer care packages that are cost-effective and suited to low-resource settings. Main messages from the volume include: -Quality matters in all aspects of cancer treatment and palliation. -Cancer registries that track incidence, mortality, and survival †" paired with systems to capture causes of death are important to understanding the national cancer burden and the effect of interventions over time. -Effective interventions exist at a range of prices. Adopting "resource appropriate" measures which allow the most effective treatment for the greatest number of people will be advantageous to countries. -Prioritizing resources toward early stage and curable cancers is likely to have the greatest health

impact in low income settings. -Research prioritization is no longer just a global responsibility. Providing cancer treatment requires adequate numbers of trained healthcare professionals and infrastructure beyond what is available in most LMICs, especially low income countries. Careful patient monitoring is a requirement of good quality cancer care and this often involves laboratory tests in addition to clinical examination. Even if financing were immediately available to build or expand a cancer control system, reaching capacity will take many years.

Manual of Infection Control Procedures - N. N. Damani 2003

Provides a comprehensive overview of the main aspects of infection control, and gives practical, evidence-based recommendations.

Residential Construction Performance Guidelines, Consumer Reference (Pack of 10) - National Association of Home Builders 2016
NAHB's Residential Construction Performance Guidelines were created to offer a third-party view of quality issues in residential construction (both new homes and remodeling). The Consumer Reference makes it easy to provide a copy of the guidelines to every customer. Sold in affordable packs of 10, the Consumer Reference is a great addition to your warranty claims process and: Help customers understand the basics of a properly constructed home and how it should perform during the warranty period Take action to resolve customer concerns before they escalate to complaints Exhibit your professionalism by showing that you consistently meet or exceed accepted industry guidelines Includes Residential Construction Performance Guidelines for: Site Work and Foundation Floors, Walls, and Roofs

Pfenninger and Fowler's Procedures for Primary Care E-Book - Grant C. Fowler 2019-03-24

Primary care clinicians are performing more varied procedures than ever before, and physicians, residents, and students need a comprehensive, authoritative resource that provides trusted information in an easy-to-follow format. Through three outstanding editions, Pfenninger and Fowler's Procedures for Primary Care has been the go-to reference for step-by-step strategies for nearly every medical procedure that can be performed in an office, hospital, or emergency care facility by primary care providers. This 4th Edition continues that tradition with new section editors, updated illustrations, new chapters, and much more. No other primary care procedure book compares with Pfenninger and Fowler's breadth and depth of practical, step-by-step content! Provides comprehensive, real-world coverage of more than 230 procedures that arise in the primary care setting, including many that were previously performed only in subspecialty settings, such as joint injections and cosmetic procedures. Includes new chapters: Esophageal Foreign Body Removal, Manual Testicular Detorsion, Symphysiotomy, Zipper Injury Management, and Blood Products. Presents the "how-to" expertise of six new section editors, for a fresh, contemporary perspective throughout the book. Additional focus on the evidence, with plentiful citations to key references, makes this the most evidence-based edition yet. Features numerous updated illustrations, including many more in full color, and incorporates updated ICD-10-CM codes throughout. Utilizes a concise outline format, detailed text and illustrations, and abundant boxes and tables for quick access to the information you need.

Prevention of Healthcare Associated Infections - Usha Krishnan Baveja 2021-01-31

The prevention and control of infection in healthcare environments is now more important than ever. From simple hand washing to full PPE (personal protective equipment), hygiene maintenance has never been more at the forefront of people's minds than during the Coronavirus COVID-19 outbreak. This book is a practical guide to the prevention and control of healthcare and laboratory-associated infections. Divided into twelve sections, the text begins with an introduction to the basic science of infection and the use of antimicrobial agents. The following sections cover prevention and control of infection in different environments and situations including hospitals, laboratories, specific patient groups, and high risk and procedure areas. Different infection transmission methods are discussed in depth. The book concludes with guidance on standards and sample protocols, and training techniques. The comprehensive text is further enhanced by images and flow charts, and each chapter includes MCQs (multiple choice questions) to assist learning and revision. Key points Comprehensive guide to prevention and control of infection in healthcare environments Covers different environments, patient groups and infection transmission methods Features images and flow charts to assist learning Each chapter concludes with MCQs on the topic

Oxford Textbook of Critical Care - Andrew Webb 2020-01-10

Now in paperback, the second edition of the Oxford Textbook of Critical

Care addresses all aspects of adult intensive care management. Taking a unique problem-orientated approach, this is a key resource for clinical issues in the intensive care unit.

Standard Operating Procedures(sop) For Hospitals In India - Arun K. Agarwal 2007-06-21

Every Medical Facility Tries To Provide Best Possible Services To Its Customers. Standard Operating Procedures (Sop) Of Various Departments Together Constitute A Hospital Manual Which Significantly Determines The Performance Of A Hospital In Practical Terms. Thus, Every Hospital Must Prepare Sop In A Way That It Ensures Consistency In Working Of Varied Departments On The One Hand And Enables To Obtain Best Results In A Cost-Effective Manner On The Other. The Present Book Will Prove A Useful Aid In Preparing Sops. It Is Written Keeping In Mind The Problems Usually Faced By Middle And Small Size Hospitals During The First Few Years Of Their Operation. It Not Only Lays Down The Basic Duties And Responsibilities Of Staff Members, Procedures And Policies But Also Provides Many Sample Stationery Formats Applicable To Various Departments. The Standards Laid Down Here Are Most Common And Easy To Adopt By Hospitals Owing To Their Flexibility Which Enables Their Modification So As To Suit One S Needs, Be It Any Department Opd, Ipd, Emergency, Investigation, Administrative, Accounts, Etc. This Book Will Be Particularly Beneficial To All Such Persons Who Are Involved In Managing Middle And Small Sized Hospitals And Lack In Sufficient Experience In Handling Day-To-Day Performance. While For The Established Hospitals The Book Would Serve As A Valuable Guide In The Management Of Affairs Of Their Various Departments In A Rather More Efficient And Cost-Effective Manner. In Addition, It Is Useful For The Students Of Mha, Dha And Mba (Ha).

Dermatological Emergencies - Rajesh Verma 2019-05-20

'Dermatological Emergencies' aims to cover aspects of situations and their management when they present in a Dermatology setup. This includes severe drug reactions, bullous disorders, erythroderma, infections, vasculitis and systemic emergencies presenting with skin signs. This book guides the reader to recognize such emergencies, helps to approach the initial phase of management, identifies the investigations, thus leading to a holistic management of the scene. Case scenarios are used in all chapters with logical flow of text, flowcharts, algorithms and representative clinical and laboratory images for better understanding of the readers. Key Features Details all dermatological emergencies Discusses manifestation of these emergencies with unique algorithms and flowcharts Examines case scenarios for first-hand experience Consists of Do's and Don'ts for effective management of cases Uses high quality clinical images for clarity

Proceedings of International Conference in Mechanical and Energy Technology - Sanjay Yadav 2020-06-01

This book presents selected peer-reviewed papers from the International Conference on Mechanical and Energy Technologies, which was held on 7-8 November 2019 at Galgotias College of Engineering and Technology, Greater Noida, India. The book reports on the latest developments in the field of mechanical and energy technology in contributions prepared by experts from academia and industry. The broad range of topics covered includes aerodynamics and fluid mechanics, artificial intelligence, nonmaterial and nonmanufacturing technologies, rapid manufacturing technologies and prototyping, remanufacturing, renewable energies technologies, metrology and computer-aided inspection, etc. Accordingly, the book offers a valuable resource for researchers in various fields, especially mechanical and industrial engineering, and energy technologies.

Monitoring in Anesthesia and Critical Care - Anjan Trikha 2018-05-31

This book is a comprehensive guide to the monitoring of different organ systems in anaesthetics and intensive care. Divided into nine sections, the text begins with an introduction to the evolution of monitoring equipment, computerised reporting, and minimum standards. The following sections cover monitoring techniques for different systems of the body - cardiovascular, respiratory, central and peripheral nervous, musculoskeletal, metabolic, and coagulation. The final chapters discuss the monitoring of pain and related topics such as ventilator waveforms, foetal monitoring, and future technologies. The book also features discussion on research-based monitoring ideas for the future, including quantifying pain, sedation, and maternal-foetal safety management. Key points Comprehensive guide to the monitoring of organ systems in anaesthetics and intensive care In depth coverage of many different systems of the body Includes discussion on pain monitoring and future technologies Highly illustrated with clinical photographs and diagrams

Guidelines for Perinatal Care - American Academy of Pediatrics 1997
This guide has been developed jointly by the American Academy of Pediatrics and the American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists, and is designed for use by all personnel involved in the care of pregnant women, their fetuses, and their neonates.

The Pediatric Procedural Sedation Handbook - Associate Professor of Anesthesiology and Pediatrics Cheryl K Gooden 2018-11-16

The Pediatric Procedural Sedation Handbook provides a comprehensive but concise review of the essential information needed to allow for the safe practice of pediatric procedural sedation. Written by a group of multidisciplinary authors, this text explores the fundamentals of sedation, procedural sedation, special patient considerations, diagnostic and therapeutic procedures, and more. Each chapter offers a starting point and suggestions for further in-depth study of all aspects of providing safe, effective, multidisciplinary-team based sedation care for children undergoing testing and procedures outside of an operating room setting. Appendices providing medication dosing and delivery route suggestions complement the text and can be used for quick reference. This book is a must-read for any clinician involved in modern, team-based patient-centered care, including physicians, nurses, dentists, and child life specialists. Editors and authors are members of the Society of Pediatric Sedation, a multidisciplinary society dedicated to the advance of pediatric sedation by promoting safe, high quality care, innovative research, and quality professional education.

Guidelines for Design and Construction of Hospital and Health Care Facilities - AIA Academy of Architecture for Health 2001

Reflecting the most current thinking about infection control and the environment of care, this new edition also explores functional, space, and equipment requirements for acute care and psychiatric hospitals; nursing, outpatient, and rehabilitation facilities; mobile health care units; and facilities for hospice care, adult day care, and assisted living. [Editor, p. 4 cov.]

Crossing the Global Quality Chasm - National Academies of Sciences, Engineering, and Medicine 2019-01-27

In 2015, building on the advances of the Millennium Development Goals, the United Nations adopted Sustainable Development Goals that include an explicit commitment to achieve universal health coverage by 2030. However, enormous gaps remain between what is achievable in human health and where global health stands today, and progress has been both incomplete and unevenly distributed. In order to meet this goal, a deliberate and comprehensive effort is needed to improve the quality of health care services globally. *Crossing the Global Quality Chasm: Improving Health Care Worldwide* focuses on one particular shortfall in health care affecting global populations: defects in the quality of care. This study reviews the available evidence on the quality of care worldwide and makes recommendations to improve health care quality globally while expanding access to preventive and therapeutic services, with a focus in low-resource areas. *Crossing the Global Quality Chasm* emphasizes the organization and delivery of safe and effective care at the patient/provider interface. This study explores issues of access to services and commodities, effectiveness, safety, efficiency, and equity. Focusing on front line service delivery that can directly impact health outcomes for individuals and populations, this book will be an essential guide for key stakeholders, governments, donors, health systems, and others involved in health care.

Official Guide of the Railways and Steam Navigation Lines of the United States, Porto Rico, Canada, Mexico and Cuba - 1930

Fundamentals of HVAC Systems - Robert McDowall 2007

Everything that new HVAC&R engineers will be expected to learn, from the leading industry body - ASHRAE.

Global Gidelines for the Pevention of Surgical Site Infection - World Health Organization 2017-01-27

Surgical site infections are caused by bacteria that get in through incisions made during surgery. They threaten the lives of millions of patients each year and contribute to the spread of antibiotic resistance. In low- and middle-income countries, 11% of patients who undergo surgery are infected in the process. In Africa, up to 20% of women who have a caesarean section contract a wound infection, compromising their own health and their ability to care for their babies. But surgical site infections are not just a problem for poor countries. In the United States, they contribute to patients spending more than 400 000 extra days in hospital at a cost of an additional US \$10 billion per year. No international evidence-based guidelines had previously been available before WHO launched its global guidelines on the prevention of surgical

site infection on 3 November 2016, and there are inconsistencies in the interpretation of evidence and recommendations in existing national guidelines. These new WHO guidelines are valid for any country and suitable to local adaptations, and take account of the strength of available scientific evidence, the cost and resource implications, and patient values and preferences.

Ocular Infections - Namrata Sharma 2017-06-30

This book is a concise guide to the prevention and management of post-surgical ocular infections covering both common and serious conditions. Divided into 24 chapters, the text begins with discussion on preventive aspects including an introduction to the operating theatre, air flow and water requirements, and patient and personnel preparation. The following sections describe the diagnosis, treatment and prevention of infections resulting from different ocular surgeries. This practical guide is highly illustrated with clinical photographs and flow charts highlighting significant aspects of prevention and management. Key points Concise guide to prevention and management of post-surgical ocular infections Covers both common and serious conditions resulting from different types of surgery Explains basic preventive measures relating to the operating theatre and personnel Highly illustrated with clinical photographs and flow charts

Patient Safety and Quality - 2008

"Nurses play a vital role in improving the safety and quality of patient care -- not only in the hospital or ambulatory treatment facility, but also of community-based care and the care performed by family members. Nurses need know what proven techniques and interventions they can use to enhance patient outcomes. To address this need, the Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality (AHRQ), with additional funding from the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, has prepared this comprehensive, 1,400-page, handbook for nurses on patient safety and quality -- Patient Safety and Quality: An Evidence-Based Handbook for Nurses. (AHRQ Publication No. 08-0043)."--Online AHRQ blurb, <http://www.ahrq.gov/qual/nursesdbk>.

District Hospitals - 1996

Design for Critical Care - D. Kirk Hamilton 2010-07-15

It is now widely recognized that the physical environment has an impact on the physiology, psychology, and sociology of those who experience it. When designing a critical care unit, the demands on the architect or designer working together with the interdisciplinary team of clinicians are highly specialized. Good design can have a hugely positive impact in terms of the recovery of patients and their hospital experience as a whole. Good design can also contribute to productivity and quality of the work experience for the staff. 'Design for Critical Care' presents a thorough and insightful guide to the very best practice in intensive care design, focusing on design that has been successful and beneficial to both hospital staff and hospital patients. By making the connection between research evidence and design practice, Hamilton and Shepley present an holistic approach that outlines the future for successful design for critical care settings.

Scientific and Technical Aerospace Reports - 1976

Essentials of Practice Management in Dermatology & Plastic Surgery - Venkataram Mysore 2020-05-31

WHO Guidelines for Safe Surgery 2009 - World Health Organization (Genève). World Alliance for Patient Safety 2009

Confronted with worldwide evidence of substantial public health harm due to inadequate patient safety, the World Health Assembly (WHA) in

2002 adopted a resolution (WHA55.18) urging countries to strengthen the safety of health care and monitoring systems. The resolution also requested that WHO take a lead in setting global norms and standards and supporting country efforts in preparing patient safety policies and practices. In May 2004, the WHA approved the creation of an international alliance to improve patient safety globally; WHO Patient Safety was launched the following October. For the first time, heads of agencies, policy-makers and patient groups from around the world came together to advance attainment of the goal of "First, do no harm" and to reduce the adverse consequences of unsafe health care. The purpose of WHO Patient Safety is to facilitate patient safety policy and practice. It is concentrating its actions on focused safety campaigns called Global Patient Safety Challenges, coordinating Patients for Patient Safety, developing a standard taxonomy, designing tools for research policy and assessment, identifying solutions for patient safety, and developing reporting and learning initiatives aimed at producing 'best practice' guidelines. Together these efforts could save millions of lives by improving basic health care and halting the diversion of resources from other productive uses. The Global Patient Safety Challenge, brings together the expertise of specialists to improve the safety of care. The area chosen for the first Challenge in 2005-2006, was infection associated with health care. This campaign established simple, clear standards for hand hygiene, an educational campaign and WHO's first Guidelines on Hand Hygiene in Health Care. The problem area selected for the second Global Patient Safety Challenge, in 2007-2008, was the safety of surgical care. Preparation of these Guidelines for Safe Surgery followed the steps recommended by WHO. The groundwork for the project began in autumn 2006 and included an international consultation meeting held in January 2007 attended by experts from around the world. Following this meeting, expert working groups were created to systematically review the available scientific evidence, to write the guidelines document and to facilitate discussion among the working group members in order to formulate the recommendations. A steering group consisting of the Programme Lead, project team members and the chairs of the four working groups, signed off on the content and recommendations in the guidelines document. Nearly 100 international experts contributed to the document (see end). The guidelines were pilot tested in each of the six WHO regions--an essential part of the Challenge--to obtain local information on the resources required to comply with the recommendations and information on the feasibility, validity, reliability and cost-effectiveness of the interventions.

Innovations in Maternal Health - Jay Satia 2013-09-30

Innovations in Maternal Health presents a compilation of twenty-three innovations from the area of Maternal and Newborn Health. These innovations have been written in the case-study style for teaching, which will be beneficial for capacity building initiatives for health-care professionals. These descriptive cases cover innovative programmes, initiatives and technologies implemented in India. Each case is complemented by a documentary film provided in the accompanying DVD. The book takes us on a boat ride through the rarely travelled riverine areas of the Majuli Islands of Assam and the Sunderbans in West Bengal to the state of Tamil Nadu, which is known for its constant endeavours to improve its health-care system, considered one of the best in the country. Technological innovations to address hypothermia in newborns and buy time in cases of postpartum haemorrhage in low-resource settings have been documented in detail. The book hopes to encourage readers to analytically view the need for innovations, critically analyse their success and challenges and the need for information sharing for better utilization of existing knowledge.