



Environment of Care By: Irvon Clear Environment of Care tells the truth behind the environment of healthcare through a fictional lens. While some items have been fictionalized, many of the scenarios depicted are based on true events within a hospital setting. Author Irvon Clear shows the behind-the-scenes details of how a major hospital is kept running through the engineering and maintenance departments, all the way to the top directors. From the politics, to the cost management, to the creative problem solving by those tireless workers to save costs and keep the hospital running. Through the eyes of Phil, the chief engineer, we experience a whole new world to the hospital that patients never see and learn about the heroes, beyond the nurses and doctors, who indirectly save lives every day.

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Tracer methodology is the cornerstone of The Joint Commission on-site accreditation survey process. So what's the best way for health care professionals to learn about tracers? Practice. Even More Mock Tracers will help health care organizations use mock (practice) tracers to identify unrecognized compliance and patient safety issues and implement changes as part of an ongoing improvement process--before a survey takes place. This easy-to-follow practical tool offers a wealth of sample tracers, called scenarios. These address issues in all domestic and international program settings: hospital and critical access hospital, ambulatory care and office-based surgery, behavioral health care, home care, and long term care, and laboratory. An additional section contains scenarios focusing on the environment of care. Not only will the workbook help familiarize staff with all aspects of tracers, it will also serve as a resource and training tool for conducting mock tracers in any health care organization. Special Features: A 10-step tutorial on how to conduct mock tracers Sample tracer questions keyed to the tracer scenarios Worksheet template to help users develop their own mock tracers Examples of completed mock tracer worksheets

More Mock Tracers, a follow-up to the best-selling Mock Tracer Workbook, presents a new collection of practical, easy-to-understand instructions and exercises to help health care professionals conduct an effective tracer in any health care setting. Health care organizations can use tracers the way surveyors do -- to evaluate an individual's care or a specific care process as part of a system -- to examine their own systems and processes, identify unwanted trends, and implement changes as part of an ongoing improvement process.

Emergency management in a hospital environment presents many unique challenges. This book addresses all aspects of hospital emergency management--from preparedness and planning to event mitigation, response, and recovery. It provides best practices for developing an Emergency Operations Center (EOC) and communicating an effective emergency plan to all staff. All content is based on the author's decades of experience in real disaster events, including Hurricane Katrina.

How Chinese hospitals have been growing and adopting international standards such as JCI and HIMSS EMRAM to fuel their advancements is not well-known to the western world. In this book, Jilan Liu, as former Principal Consultant of JCI and current Chief Executive Officer for HIMSS Greater China, presents a selection of case examples written by Chinese hospital executives and staff showcasing first-hand experiences and insights into how the leading healthcare organizations grow and continue their success in China. The case examples include Chinese hospitals who have participated in JCI accreditation and/or HIMSS EMRAM. These hospitals represent the new wave of organizations adopting international standards while accommodating the unique conditions of China.

A timely work describing how localized hospital-based health technology assessment (HB-HTA) complements general, 'arms-length' HTA agency efforts, and what has been the collective global impact of HB-HTA across the globe. While HB-HTA has gained significant momentum over the past few years, expertise in the field, and information on the operation and organization of HB-HTA, has been scattered. This book serves to bring this information together to inform those who are currently working in the field of HTA at the hospital, regional, national or global level. In addition, this book is intended for decision-makers and policy-makers with a stake in determining the uptake and decommissioning of new and established technologies in the hospital setting. HTA has traditionally been performed at the National/Regional level by HTA Agencies, typically linked to governments. Yet hospitals are the main entry door for most health technologies (HTs). Hospital decision-makers must undertake multiple high stakes investment and disinvestment decisions annually for innovative HTs, usually without adequate information. Despite the existence of arms-length HTA Agencies, inadequate information is available to hospital decision-makers either because relevant HTA reports are not yet released at the time of entry of new technologies to the field, or because even when the report exists, the information contained is insufficient to clarify the contextualized informational needs of hospital decision makers. Therefore, there has recently been a rising trend toward hospital-based HTA units and programs. These units/programs complement the work of National/Regional HTA Agencies by providing the key and relevant evidence needed by hospital decision makers in their specific hospital context, and within required decision-making timelines. The emergence of HB-HTA is creating a comprehensive HTA ecosystem across health care levels, which creates better bridges for knowledge translation through relevance and timeliness.

In a health care environment, risks abound. This must-have book provides organizations with the tools and know-how to conduct effective assessments of potential risks and take steps to minimize them. Whether the risk issue is infant and pediatric abduction, infection control during construction, fire safety, or potential disaster emergencies, Environment of Carer Risk Assessment guides organizations through a basic risk assessment process and suggests potential high-profile, high-risk areas for consideration. It shows how to use existing standards tools such as the Periodic Performance Review, Interim Life Safety Measures, the hazard vulnerability analysis, and more. And, it provides case studies, examples, and worksheets for assessing and minimizing risk and includes a CD-ROM with interactive risk assessment forms. Performing risk assessments can help organizations avoid OSHA fines, accreditation noncompliance, and more. But the bottom line is that by performing prudent and timely risk assessments, organizations can help ensure patient, staff, and visitor safety.

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