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What we will cover

- History of Quality Efforts in Healthcare
- What is an Ideal Healthcare System
- Role of the Quality Consultant
- Quality at Inova Fairfax Hospital



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The Quality Professional's Perspective

- Do the Right Thing Right, the First Time
- Continuous Process Improvement
- Timeliness
- Reliability
- Efficacy
- Availability
- Affordability
- Standardization
- Freedom from Deficiencies
- Customer Satisfaction

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It is also possible to discuss Quality from the Physician's perspective, from the Payors perspective.

However, I will focus my discussion on the patient's perspective.



Medical care: purgatives, bleeding, pomanders, charms

Surgical care: Barbers who did rudimentary surgical/dental procedures



I want to thank Dr. Alan Morrison for allowing me to use this slide

You will notice the symbols of "quality" . The croccodile, the observer at the window, the book and scale.



FN was the first woman invited to become a member of the Statistical Society in Britain.

She wrote a 77 page book on nursing which became a textbook for schools of nursing

She wrote an 800 page document on care of soldiers in the Army including statistics on mortality

Credited with inventing the "coxcomb" diagram.

Others (Germany and France) had set up "modern" instruction in nursing but she is remembered. Why? Some credit it to her financial independence from hospitals.

Other things going on at that time: Semmelweis, Lister, stethescope, thermometer, anesthesia, quinine, small pox vaccination.









The list was burned at midnight in the fireplace of the Waldorf Astoria Hotel in New York.



Not to be confused with Demming, Deeming allowed the first "teeth" to be put into standards by tying it to reimbursement

Hospitals could be accredited, accredited with Commendation, not accredited.

Surveys were "announced" and paid for. Cottage industry developed around accreditation readiness services and education. Often quite expensive and of variable quality themselves. Often by current surveyors who set up their own consulting businesses.

JCAH was the "only game in town".



The Joint Commission evaluates and accredits more than 15,000 health care organizations and programs in the United States. An independent, not-for-profit organization, The Joint Commission is the nation's predominant standards-setting and accrediting body in health care. Since 1951, The Joint Commission. The Joint Commission's comprehensive process evaluates an organization's compliance with these standards and other accreditation or certification requirements. Joint Commission accreditation and certification is recognized nationwide as a symbol of quality that reflects an organization's commitment to meeting certain performance standards.



- Rights and Ethics
- Provision of Care
- Medication Management
- Infection Control
- Performance Improvement
- Environment of Care
- Leadership
- Medical Staff
- Nursing
- Human Resources

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Explain briefly how DRGs work.



Sentinel events are not synonymous with medical errors: Not all events are the result of medical error. Not all errors result in SE.

SE: results in death, serious physical or psychological harm or risk thereof. There must be an immediate investigation and action plan. There were 10 categories of SE: Hemolytic transfusion reaction, retained foreign object, surgery on wrong body part or wrong patient, rape, abduction, discharge of infant to wrong parent, neonatal hyperbilirubenemia, excessive radiation dose, unanticipated death of a normal full term baby,



Was it enough?

- · We created standards
- · We measured to these standards

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The seminal publication about Quality and Safety in the United States. Met with disbelief by some.



No longer just an organizations capacity to provide care, but their actual ability to do so.

Hospital Consumer Assessment of Healthcare Providers and Systems





Many of these organizations proliferated since 2000 and the IOM report. Often they are led by people of passion.

Josie King was a toddler that died. If you saw the Good Housekeeping magazine in October 2009, her mother had an article. She has written a book about her experience.

IHI was founded by Donald Berwick. He is a physician that became energized about Quality after his wife was hospitalized.

Leapfrog is an organization founded by Lucien Leape and it involves purchasers of healthcare (Boeing, UPS)



- 1. Infant mortality, Life expectancy, days lost from work, days lost from school
- 2. Appropriate, safe, timely, coordinated, evidence based: immunizations, screening, diabetes, mental health, dental care, AMI, pneumonia, asthma, readmission rates, mortality rates, adverse drug events, infection rates, lab errors, "Bundles" to improve care.
- 3. Wait time to see MD, Use of ER for routine care, availability of specialists
- 4. % spent on administration, % spent on health care or premiums (greater than 10%), Costs for common conditions, duplicate tests,
- 5. % Uninsured and underinsured, for all other measures are there disparities by age, race, ethnicity, region.
- 6. Nurse vacancy rates, turnover rates, \$ spent on research, Schools of nursing, pharmacy,



Indicator of long and healthy life



Indicator of quality



Indicator of Equity



Indicator of Efficiency



Indicator of capacity to improve and innovate





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Health Care Debate








If this is what needs to be done then how does that relate to what I do as a Quality Consultant







Role of Quality Consultant – Performance Improvement

- LEAN
- PDCA: Plan Do Check Act
- Collaborative Learning Communities

 100K Lives Campaign, Sepsis, Flow, Organ Donation
- Team Facilitation
- Bundle Compliance Teams
- Clinical Effectiveness Teams

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For example in OB they look at hemorrhage, low apgar score

In Surgery they look at unplanned return to OR, infection

In Medicine, pneumonia, unplanned upgrade in care

In Diagnostic areas: confirmatory double read









We are a not for profit hospital

We want to be a place where physicians want to practice, employees want to work, patients want to receive care, that the community wants to support.













