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Guidelines for the clinical practice of medicine have been proposed as the solution to the whole range of current health care problems. This new book presents the first balanced and highly practical view of guidelines--their strengths, their limitations, and how they can be used most effectively to benefit health care. The volume offers Recommendations and a proposed framework for strengthening development and use of guidelines. Numerous examples of guidelines. A ready-to-use instrument for assessing the soundness of guidelines. Six case studies exploring issues involved when practitioners use guidelines on a daily basis. With a real-world outlook, the volume reviews efforts by agencies and organizations to disseminate guidelines and examines how well guidelines are functioning--exploring issues such as patient information, liability, costs, computerization, and the adaptation of national guidelines to local needs.

Our nation's capacity to care is becoming increasingly stressed as an aging and increasingly unhealthy population collides with a relative reduction in the numbers of clinicians and ever-tightening financial resources. If even the mildest of future-state predictions are to be believed, we need a significant restructuring of our entire healthcare system and its total Capacity to Care, such that we can simultaneously improve care capacity, cost, quality, accessibility, and resource gratification. Optimizing

Your Capacity to Care: A Systems Approach to Hospital and Population Health Management provides comprehensive guidance to a new way to optimize and manage community-wide Care Capacity via a unique, holistic approach to healthcare operations. Through clear examples and actual project results, the book demonstrates the outcomes of a systems-level way of thinking about a community's Capacity to Care that incorporates and integrates the full spectrum of available clinical and communal resources into the care of patients, including hospitals, physicians, emergency departments, surgical services, local churches, civic organizations, pharmacies, and volunteers. The book details operational models for each major department of the hospital and a fully integrated communal resource pool to demonstrate how the optimization of capacity, resource utilization, cost, and clinical outcomes can be attained. And by providing healthcare leaders with a deeper understanding of key elements missing from the most common process improvement methodologies and approaches, this book offers fresh perspectives and bold alternatives for hospitals, health systems, and entire communities.

This comprehensive volume provides a practical framework for evaluation, management and disposition of this growing vulnerable patient population.

This issue of Emergency Medicine Clinics focuses on Geriatric Emergencies. Articles include: Recent Trends in Geriatric Emergency Medicine, Resuscitation of the Elderly, Pharmacology in the Geriatric Patient, Trauma and Falls in the Elderly, Sepsis and

Infectious Emergencies in the Elderly, Evaluation of the Geriatric Patient with Chest Pain, Evaluation of Dyspnea in the Elderly, Abdominal Pain in the Geriatric Patient, Neurologic Emergencies in the Elderly, Evaluation of Syncope, Altered Mental Status and Delirium, and more!

Advances in medical, biomedical and health services research have reduced the level of uncertainty in clinical practice. Clinical practice guidelines (CPGs) complement this progress by establishing standards of care backed by strong scientific evidence. CPGs are statements that include recommendations intended to optimize patient care. These statements are informed by a systematic review of evidence and an assessment of the benefits and costs of alternative care options. Clinical Practice Guidelines We Can Trust examines the current state of clinical practice guidelines and how they can be improved to enhance healthcare quality and patient outcomes. Clinical practice guidelines now are ubiquitous in our healthcare system. The Guidelines International Network (GIN) database currently lists more than 3,700 guidelines from 39 countries. Developing guidelines presents a number of challenges including lack of transparent methodological practices, difficulty reconciling conflicting guidelines, and conflicts of interest. Clinical Practice Guidelines We Can Trust explores questions surrounding the quality of CPG development processes and the establishment of standards. It proposes eight standards for developing trustworthy clinical practice guidelines emphasizing transparency; management of conflict of interest ; systematic review--guideline

development intersection; establishing evidence foundations for and rating strength of guideline recommendations; articulation of recommendations; external review; and updating. *Clinical Practice Guidelines We Can Trust* shows how clinical practice guidelines can enhance clinician and patient decision-making by translating complex scientific research findings into recommendations for clinical practice that are relevant to the individual patient encounter, instead of implementing a one size fits all approach to patient care. This book contains information directly related to the work of the Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality (AHRQ), as well as various Congressional staff and policymakers. It is a vital resource for medical specialty societies, disease advocacy groups, health professionals, private and international organizations that develop or use clinical practice guidelines, consumers, clinicians, and payers. This volume - one of eight in the cross-disciplinary and issues-based series in *The SAGE Reference Series on Disability* - explores issues involving rehabilitation interventions and therapies.

This text will address the role of the hospital case manager from a business perspective rather than a nursing perspective. Will engage all areas that are involved with the health care system, in pursuit of global objectives on behalf of every stakeholder.

Medical treatment guidelines are written from a clinical perspective, to guide clinical care. The review criteria that will be included in this issue of *Physical*

Medicine & Rehabilitation Clinics are evidence based and are developed by practicing physicians and advisors who work in physical medicine and rehabilitation. Health care providers are expected to be familiar with the guidelines and follow the recommendations. Good medical judgment is important in deciding how to use and interpret this information.

March, September, and December issues include index digests, and June issue includes cumulative tables and index digest.

This hands-on manual covers the increasingly important area of case management in comprehensive, up-to-the-minute detail! It not only offers the field's most clinically focused coverage of the subject, but also provides practical details on a range of specific diagnoses. CASE MANAGEMENT IN HEALTHCARE focuses on the case management processes, interventions, and collaborations that are vital to guiding patients through the continuum of care. This book emphasizes the how-tos needed in specific clinical situations. It also prepares students to manage the pitfalls and barriers that are frequently encountered in practice.

Sickle cell disease can be severe and disabling. When properly treated, patients live longer and with better quality life. This is a US government publication intended to provide evidence-based guidelines for the care of these patients for

the use of all concerned providers as well as patients and family members. This book is available in print here for convenience. It is also available as a free download at <http://www.nhlbi.nih.gov/health-pro/guidelines/sickle-cell-disease-guidelines/>

Volume 2 of the Textbook of Neural Repair and Rehabilitation stands alone as a clinical handbook for neurorehabilitation.

Has postmodern American culture so altered the terrain of medical care that moral confusion and deflated morale multiply faster than both technological advancements and ethical resolutions? *The Ethos of Medicine in Postmodern America* is an attempt to examine this question with reference to the cultural touchstones of our postmodern era: consumerism, computerization, corporatization, and destruction of meta-narratives. The cultural insights of postmodern thinkers—such as such as Foucault, Deleuze and Guattari, Lyotard, Baudrillard, Bauman, and Levinas—help elucidate the changes in healthcare delivery that are occurring early in the twenty-first century. Although only Foucault among this group actually focused his critique on medical care itself, their combined analysis provides a valuable perspective for gaining understanding of contemporary changes in healthcare delivery. It is often difficult to envision what is happening in the psychosocial, cultural dynamic of an epoch as you experience it. Therefore it is useful to have a technique for refracting those observations through the lens of another system of thought. The prism of postmodern thought offers such a

device with which to “view the eclipse” of changing medical practice. Any professional practice is always thoroughly embedded in the social and cultural matrix of its society, and the medical profession in America is no exception. In drawing upon of the insights of key Continental thinkers such and American scholars, this book does not necessarily endorse the views of postmodernism but trusts that much can be learned from their insight. Furthermore, its analysis is informed by empirical information from health services research and the sociology of medicine. Arnold R. Eiser develops a new understanding of healthcare delivery in the twenty-first century and suggests positive developments that might be nurtured to avoid the barren “Silicon Cage” of corporate, bureaucratized medical practice. Central to this analysis are current healthcare issues such as the patient-centered medical home, clinical practice guidelines, and electronic health records. This interdisciplinary examination reveals insights valuable to anyone working in postmodern thought, medical sociology, bioethics, or health services research.

The position of nurse case managers can be a rewarding but challenging career, as these managers play a vital role in a patient’s care. In *A Guide for Nurse Case Managers*, author Charlotte Cox provides an insightful guide to this evolving field of medicine. Geared for those working in hospital settings, clinics, and health plan offices, this helpful reference text provides guidelines, tips, and tools for becoming a successful nurse case manager. With more than thirty years of health care experience, Cox

provides a detailed overview of this important nursing position that works to usher a patient through the health care system. A Guide for Nurse Case Managers • defines the case manager role; • provides an understanding of the basics of utilization and case management; • gives an overview of Medicare and Medicaid procedures; • discusses the care planning process; • shows how to structure a community resource base. Whether you are a new case manager, a student, or a seasoned nurse needing a refresher about job basics, A Guide for Nurse Case Managers will help to shape your practice, provide valuable tips and reference tools, and help you with proven organizational ideas to succeed in the career.

This new and updated edition is a practical guide to intensive care for the non-specialist, providing the core knowledge and principles of intensive care patient management. From general principles through to critical care outreach and end of life care, it covers best practice management in the intensive care unit. It includes the key organ system support as well as monitoring, sepsis, brain-stem death, and nutrition in intensive care. There is also full coverage of organ donation. This invaluable resource is highly illustrated in colour throughout with new images, references to key evidence, and further reading and resources in each chapter. It is ideal for junior doctors, medical students and specialist nurses working in an acute hospital setting and the ICU and neonatal ICU, and for anyone involved in the management and care of intensive care patients. Endorsed by the Intensive Care Society (UK) and the Scottish Intensive Care

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Society. This title is also available as a mobile App from MedHand Mobile Libraries. Buy it now from Google Play or the MedHand Store.

The Second Edition of this comprehensive "how to" text has been completely revised and updated. This text outlines the basics of case management and illustrates some of the pitfalls encountered in the field of case management. The book provides information on the new Case Management Standards, supplies standard definitions and guidelines of case management for the practicing case manager, and presents information on caring for clients in a wide variety of health care settings. New to this edition--chapters focusing on Quality Reviews and Risk Management with a strong emphasis on Continuous Quality Improvement (CQI), ethical and legal issues, and various case studies.

This new comprehensive resource Medical Quality Management: Theory and Practice addresses the needs of physicians, medical students, and other health care professionals for up to date information about medical quality management. In reviewing the key principles and methods that comprise the current state of medical quality management in U.S. health care, this text provides a concise summary of quality improvement, patient safety and quality measurement methodologies. Important Notice: The digital edition of this book is missing some of the images or content found in the physical edition.

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. This guide to successful practices in observation medicine covers both clinical and administrative aspects for a multinational audience.

This text contains the core body of knowledge for case management practice as delineated by the Case Management Society of America (CMSA), the largest professional organization of case managers. The core curriculum provides a "synthesis of case management evolution," and presents essential elements, concepts, and vision for current and future case management practice. This edition is significantly expanded to reflect the dynamic changes taking place in case management. Each chapter is organized in a consistent format that includes learning objectives; introduction; important terms and concepts; key definitions; and references.

This report concludes that overall, Corrections; payments for hospital care services have risen \$59.4 million from FY1998-99 through 2002-03, and grew at an average rate of 21% per year, outpacing the nat. consumer price index average of 8% annual growth for hospital services during this same period. The reasons for this growth can be attributed to the combination of more expensive health care and to Corrections; increased use of contracted hospital facilities. Analysis indicates that increases in its inpatient hospital payments are driven primarily by more expensive services, whereas increases in its outpatient hospital payments are driven by increases in both the price of

services and number of hospital visits. Charts and tables.

In two freestanding volumes, *Textbook of Neural Repair and Rehabilitation* provides comprehensive coverage of the science and practice of neurological rehabilitation. Revised throughout, bringing the book fully up to date, this volume, *Medical Neurorehabilitation*, can stand alone as a clinical handbook for neurorehabilitation. It covers the practical applications of the basic science principles presented in Volume 1, provides authoritative guidelines on the management of disabling symptoms, and describes comprehensive rehabilitation approaches for the major categories of disabling neurological disorders. New chapters have been added covering genetics in neurorehabilitation, the rehabilitation team and the economics of neurological rehabilitation, and brain stimulation, along with numerous others. Emphasizing the integration of basic and clinical knowledge, this book and its companion are edited and written by leading international authorities. Together they are an essential resource for neuroscientists and provide a foundation of the work of clinical neurorehabilitation professionals.

This volume is complementary to Volume 1: *Quantitative Approaches in Health Systems Engineering* which provides in-depth analysis of the statistical and quantitative aspects of Health Systems Engineering. Volume 2: *Practical Applications to Engage and Align Providers and Consumers* builds upon these concepts with the integration of additional economic, performance and quality measures. Stressing the importance of

changes in the economics of health care financing, it will serve as a resource for not only leaders of organizations, but also providers who will be practicing a different type of medicine from that of which they were trained. After defining the challenges, the authors will quantify and define funds flows and various margins necessary for viability, how providers will be measured and rewarded for quality, and the importance of accurate dashboard of physician performance. Types of payment systems, including capitation, ACOs, risk contracts, and hybrid forms of fee for service will be defined and their relative advantages discussed. Lessons from other countries that provide high quality care at a lower cost will be examined for applicability to our challenges. Finally, experts in leadership will focus on influencing behavior to achieve results while remembering that healthcare is about the patient. This textbook will serve as a useful resource for clinicians, healthcare executives, governmental agencies, and emerging leaders in organizations.

The American health care industry has undergone such dizzying transformations since the 1960s that many patients have lost confidence in a system they find too impersonal and ineffectual. Is their distrust justified and can confidence be restored? David Dranove, a leading health care economist, tackles these and other key questions in the first major economic and historical investigation of the field. Focusing on the doctor-patient relationship, he begins with the era of the independently practicing physician--epitomized by Marcus Welby, the beloved father figure/doctor in the 1960s

television show of the same name--who disappeared with the growth of managed care. Dranove guides consumers in understanding the rapid developments of the health care industry and offers timely policy recommendations for reforming managed care as well as advice for patients making health care decisions. The book covers everything from start-up troubles with the first managed care organizations to attempts at government regulation to the mergers and quality control issues facing MCOs today. It also reflects on how difficult it is for patients to shop for medical care. Up until the 1970s, patients looked to autonomous physicians for recommendations on procedures and hospitals--a process that relied more on the patient's trust of the physician than on facts, and resulted in skyrocketing medical costs. Newly emerging MCOs have tried to solve the shopping problem by tracking the performance of care providers while obtaining discounts for their clients. Many observers accuse MCOs of caring more about cost than quality, and argue for government regulation. Dranove, however, believes that market forces can eventually achieve quality care and cost control. But first, MCOs must improve their ways of measuring provider performance, medical records must be made more complete and accessible (a task that need not compromise patient confidentiality), and patients must be willing to seek and act on information about the best care available. Dranove argues that patients can regain confidence in the medical system, and even come to trust MCOs, but they will need to rely on both their individual doctors and their own consumer awareness.

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Today, as never before, healthcare has the ability to enhance the quality and duration of life. At the same time, healthcare has become so costly that it can easily bankrupt governments and impoverish individuals and families. Health services research is a highly multidisciplinary field, including such areas as health administration, health economics, medical sociology, medicine, , political science, public health, and public policy. The Encyclopedia of Health Services Research is the first single reference source to capture the diversity and complexity of the field. With more than 400 entries, these two volumes investigate the relationship between the factors of cost, quality, and access to healthcare and their impact upon medical outcomes such as death, disability, disease, discomfort, and dissatisfaction with care. Key Features Examines the growing healthcare crisis facing the United States Encompasses the structure, process, and outcomes of healthcare Aims to improve the equity, efficiency, effectiveness, and safety of healthcare by influencing and developing public policies Describes healthcare systems and issues from around the globe Key Themes Access to Care Accreditation, Associations, Foundations, and Research Organizations Biographies of Current and Past Leaders Cost of Care, Economics, Finance, and Payment Mechanisms Disease, Disability, Health, and Health Behavior Government and International Healthcare Organizations Health Insurance Health Professionals and Healthcare Organizations Health Services Research Laws, Regulations, and Ethics Measurement; Data Sources and Coding; and Research Methods Outcomes of Care Policy Issues, Healthcare Reform, and International Comparisons Public Health Quality and Safety of Care Special and Vulnerable Groups The Encyclopedia is designed to be an introduction to the various topics of health services research for an audience including undergraduate students, graduate students, and general readers seeking non-technical

descriptions of the field and its practices. It is also useful for healthcare practitioners wishing to stay abreast of the changes and updates in the field.

Avedis Donabedian's name is synonymous with quality of medical care. He unraveled the mystery behind the concept by defining it in clear operational terms and provided detailed blueprints for both its measurement (known as quality assessment) and its improvement (known as quality assurance). Many before him claimed that quality couldn't be defined in concrete objective terms. He demonstrated that quality is an attribute of a system which he called structure, a set of organized activities which he called process, and an outcome which results from both. In this book Donabedian tells the full story of quality assessment and assurance in simple, clear terms. He defines the meaning of quality, explicates its components, and provides clear and systematic guides to its assessment and enhancement. His style is lucid, succinct, systematic and yet personal, almost conversational.

Using sample administrative and clinical protocols that any hospital can use, this book gives a detailed account of how to set up and run an observation unit and reviews all medical conditions in which observation medicine may be beneficial. In addition to clinical topics such as improving patient outcomes and avoiding readmissions, it also includes practical topics such as design, staffing, and daily operations; fiscal aspects, such as coding, billing, and reimbursement; regulatory concerns, such as aligning case management and utilization review with observation; nursing considerations; and more. The future of observation medicine, and how it can help solve the healthcare crisis from costs to access, is also discussed. Although based on US practices, this book is also applicable to an international audience, and contains instructions for implementing observation in any setting or locale and in any type of hospital or

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other appropriate facility.

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