

Improving Quality

The first edition of Breadmaking: Improving quality quickly established itself as an essential purchase for baking professionals and researchers in this area. With comprehensively updated and revised coverage, including six new chapters, the second edition helps readers to understand the latest developments in bread making science and practice. The book opens with two introductory chapters providing an overview of the breadmaking process. Part one focuses on the impacts of wheat and flour quality on bread, covering topics such as wheat chemistry, wheat starch structure, grain quality assessment, milling and wheat breeding. Part two covers dough development and bread ingredients, with chapters on dough aeration and rheology, the use of redox agents and enzymes in breadmaking and water control, among other topics. In part three, the focus shifts to bread sensory quality, shelf life and safety. Topics covered include bread aroma, staling and contamination. Finally, part four looks at particular bread products such as high fibre breads, those made from partially baked and frozen dough and those made from non-wheat flours. With its distinguished editor and international team of contributors, the second edition of Breadmaking: Improving quality is a standard reference for researchers and professionals in the bread industry and all those involved in academic research on breadmaking science and practice. With comprehensively updated and revised coverage, this second edition outlines the latest developments in breadmaking science and practice Covers topics such as wheat chemistry, wheat starch structure, grain quality assessment, milling and wheat breeding Discusses dough development and bread ingredients, with chapters on dough aeration and rheology

Edited by one of the world's leading authorities in the field, Bread Making: Improving Quality reviews key recent research on the ingredients determining bread characteristics. The text discusses what this information means for improved process control and a better, more consistent product. After an introductory review, Part 1 discusses such concepts as the structure and quality of wheat and flour, and methods for measuring quality. Part 2 covers dough formation and its impact on bread's structure and properties. This includes such concepts as foam formation and bread aeration, key ingredients, improving taste and nutritional properties, and the prevention of moulds and mycotoxin contamination. Quality of care is a priority for U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID). The agency's missions abroad and their host country partners work in quality improvement, but a lack of evidence about the best ways to facilitate such improvements has constrained their informed selection of interventions. Six different methods - accreditation, COPE, improvement collaborative, standards-based management and recognitions (SBM-R), supervision, and clinical in-service training - currently make up the majority of this investment for USAID missions. As their already substantial investment in quality grows, there is demand for more scientific evidence on how to reliably improve quality of care in poor countries. USAID missions, and many other organizations spending on quality improvement, would welcome more information about how different strategies work to improve quality, when and where certain tools are most effective, and the best ways to measure success and shortcomings. To gain a better understanding of the evidence supporting different quality improvement tools and clarity on how they would help advance the global quality improvement agenda, the Institute of Medicine convened a 2-day workshop in January 2015. The workshop's goal was to illuminate these different methods, discussing their pros and cons. This workshop summary is a description of the presentations and discussions. For patients and their loved ones, no care decisions are more profound than those made near the end of life. Unfortunately, the experience of dying in the United States is often characterized by fragmented care, inadequate treatment of distressing symptoms, frequent transitions among care settings, and enormous care responsibilities for families. According to this report, the current health care system of rendering more intensive services than are necessary and desired by patients, and the lack of coordination among programs increases risks to patients and creates avoidable burdens on them and their families. Dying in America is a study of the current state of health care for persons of all ages who are nearing the end of life. Death is not a strictly medical event. Ideally, health care for those nearing the end of life harmonizes with social, psychological, and spiritual support. All people with advanced illnesses who may be approaching the end of life are entitled to access to high-quality, compassionate, evidence-based care, consistent with their wishes. Dying in America evaluates strategies to integrate care into a person- and family-centered, team-based framework, and makes recommendations to create a system that coordinates care and supports and respects the choices of patients and their families. The findings and recommendations of this report will address the needs of patients and their families and assist policy makers, clinicians and their educational and credentialing bodies, leaders of health care delivery and financing organizations, researchers, public and private funders, religious and community leaders, advocates of better care, journalists, and the public to provide the best care possible for people nearing the end of life.

Read this book in order to learn: Why medicines often fail to produce the desired result and how such failures can be avoided How to think about drug product safety and effectiveness How the main participants in a medications use system can improve outcomes and how professional and personal values, attitudes, and ethical reasoning fit into drug therapy What a properly designed and managed medications use system would look like — specific components, how the components fit together into a system, and how the system can be maintained and improved Ways to evaluate medications use systems, how to recognize ineffective systems operations, how to identify missing system components and how to correct them How the environment of medications use affects systems operations and patient outcomes, and why standards must change to improve drug safety and effectiveness Drug-related illnesses and complications cost the health care system billions of dollars each year. Medical errors account for approximately 100,000 deaths each year, and drugs are the most common cause of medical errors in hospitals. Synthesizing research studies from seven nations, Preventing Medication Errors and Improving Drug Therapy Outcomes: A Management Systems Approach explores medications use from a social perspective. It identifies and describes the preventable adverse outcomes of drug therapy, discusses the safety, cost-effectiveness, and quality of medications use from a management systems perspective, and proposes systematic solutions.

The Book, Comprising Two Volumes, Has Been Designed To Facilitate Both The Students As Researchers At The University Level And Teachers As Practitioners At The School Level. Educational Research As An Extensive Activity In The Institutes For Higher Learning Generates Lot Of Enthusiasm Among Students And Researchers, But Little Is Known About The Relevance And Applicability On The Area And Clientele On Which Investigations Have Been Carried Out. An Attempt Has Been Made In The Book To Document The Research Outputs On School Education And To Examine How Could These Be Best Used As An Instrument For Improving School Education And Its Functioning Thereof. The Study Further Documents And Reviews The Trend Of Research Studies With A View To Examine Where We Stand Now, What Are The Gaps And Weaknesses In The Researches And On What Areas Could These Be Best Carried Out In Future. Recognizing The Need For Building Contextualized Research Capacities To Investigate Local Specific Problems, The Book Introduces The Notion Of Practitioner Research By Strengthening School-University Partnerships. This Move Is Envisaged To Reinforce School Practitioners To Take Up Small But Meaningful Researches On Their Day To Day Teaching And Learning Situations. It Is Felt That Due To Lack Of Professional Guidance, The School Practitioners Fail To Carry Out A Small Research Project. The Book, Therefore, Provides Guidelines And Directions To School Practitioners On How To Move On A Practice-Based Research Plan. It Is Expected That The Book Would Be Of Great Use To Students, Researchers, Practitioners And Educational Managers, Right From School To University Stages Of Education As Well As Professional And Vocational Education Training Institutes At Least To Those Who Show Concern And Belong To The Entire Education System But Are Committed To Initiate The Process By Making Strides Toward School Improvement As A Preliminary Step.

The prominence of dementia within the global aging population has undergone an increase in recent years. To improve the living conditions of patients, researchers must place more emphasis on early detection methods. Improving the Quality of Life for Dementia Patients through Progressive Detection, Treatment, and Care provides a thorough overview of emerging research on various neuroscience methods for the early diagnosis of dementia and focuses on the improvement of healthcare delivery to patients. Highlighting relevant issues on health information systems, behavioral indicators, and treatment methods, this book is a pivotal reference source for health professionals, neuroscientists, upper-level students, practitioners, and researchers interested in the latest developments within the field of dementia treatment.

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[Improving the Quality of the Medication Use Process](#)

Managing non-profit organisations in the 21st century has become more challenging and sophisticated than ever before. This book is the first place to turn for an introduction to innovative, creative, and effective management techniques developed to totally transform your non-profit organisation, reap the benefits of the quality movement that is revolutionising commercial and non-profit organisations, and make your own organisation more competitive. Learn how you can: respond to uncertainty and organisational turbulence; reduce mistakes and infuse your staff with a quality ethic; rebuild your work processes from the ground up; find and implement 'best practices' of comparable organisations.

Nursing

Eggs are economical and of high nutritional value, yet can also be a source of foodborne disease. Understanding of the factors influencing egg quality has increased in recent years and new technologies to assure egg safety have been developed. Improving the safety and quality of eggs and egg products reviews recent research in these areas. Volume 1 focuses on egg chemistry, production and consumption. Part one sets the scene with information on egg production and consumption in certain countries. Part two then provides essential information on egg formation and chemistry. Factors that impact egg quality are the focus of part three. Chapters cover the role of poultry breeding, hen nutrition and laying environment, among other significant topics. Part four addresses organic and free range egg production, the impact of egg production on the environment and non-poultry eggs. A chapter on processed egg products completes the volume. With its distinguished editors and international team of contributors, Volume 1 of Improving the safety and quality of eggs and egg products is an essential reference for managers in the egg industry, professionals in the food industry using eggs as ingredients and all those with a research interest in the subject. Focuses on egg chemistry, production and consumption with reference to the factors that can impact egg quality Reviews recent research in the areas of disease, egg quality and the development of new technologies to assure egg safety Comprehensively covers organic, free-range and processed egg production

This book is an introductory book on improving the quality of a process or a system, primarily through the technique of statistical process control (SPC). There are numerous technical manuals available for SPC, but this book differs in two ways: (1) the basic tools of SPC are introduced in a no-nonsense, simple, non-math manner, and (2) the methods can be learned and practiced in an uncomplicated fashion using free software (eZ SPC 2.0), which is available to all readers online as a downloadable product. The book explains QC7 Tools, control charts, and statistical analysis including basic design of experiments. Theoretical explanations of the analytical methods are avoided; instead, results are interpreted through the use of the software.

Improving Quality in EducationRoutledge

Each year, more than 33 million Americans receive health care for mental or substance-use conditions, or both. Together, mental and substance-use illnesses are the leading cause of death and disability for women, the highest for men ages 15-44, and the second highest for all men. Effective treatments exist, but services are frequently fragmented and, as with general health care, there are barriers that prevent many from receiving these treatments as designed or at all. The consequences of this are seriousâ€”for these individuals and their families: their employers and the workforce; for the nationâ€™s economy; as well as the education, welfare, and justice systems. Improving the Quality of Health Care for Mental and Substance-Use Conditions examines the distinctive characteristics of health care for mental and substance-use conditions, including payment, benefit coverage, and regulatory issues, as well as health care organization and delivery issues. This new volume in the Quality Chasm series puts forth an agenda for improving the quality of this care based on this analysis.

Patients and their families, primary health care providers, specialty mental health and substance-use treatment providers, health care organizations, health plans, purchasers of group health care, and all involved in health care for mental and substanceâ€™use conditions will benefit from this guide to achieving better care.

Color is one of the most significant cues used by consumers to determine the quality of a food. While color is usually assumed to be a property of the food itself, it is actually the individual's response to the visual signals generated by light on the product. An authoritative reference can best explain the ways that food color and quality are assessed and how they can be improved to benefit consumers and the food industry. This book reviews how color is perceived and measured, discusses food color chemistry and stability, and presents ways that color can be better controlled in food. Part one introduces the concept of the total appearance of food and examines the principles of instrumental color measurement, models of color appearance, color measurement by color reflectance, and sorting by color. Part two covers color control in food, focusing on the chemistry of food colorants, color stability, genetic modification for color enhancement, and developments in natural colorings.

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For almost every sensationalized media report of product failure, a closer look often determines these failures occurred due to inadequate reliability theory and methodology. Current theories and practices cannot solve these problems, mainly because test specifications, especially lifetime tests, express their results as either pass or fail; these results thus provide little useful quantitative information. In a clear, concise presentation, Improving Reliability and Quality for Product Success discusses how to eradicate failures in hardware products and, consequently, achieve greater success in the marketplace. Evolved from the author's more than thirty years of experience, the book redefines quality and reliability terminology, explains failure mechanics, and analyzes why reliability accidents occur in the products of established corporations. The author presents a new prevention methodology in easily understood qualitative and scientific terms. Without excess discussions of the complex related mathematics, he creates principles that enable readers to identify problems before product release into the market. These novel concepts and methodology can reduce product troubles by establishing test specifications that produce quantified outcomes that constitute conclusive judgment data. Many books that cover reliability theory/engineering/practice are geared towards professionals with advanced mathematical skills and would not necessarily be of use to executives and CEOs, who may not be quality or reliability experts but need to understand these principles when making decisions. This book addresses this important but neglected audience, introducing novel ideas based on back-to basics quality/reliability concepts in an easily understood manner. In addition, it explains basic, fresh new methods for maximizing customer satisfaction and securing a competitive edge in performance.

An ambitious, comprehensive reimagining of 21st century higher education Improving Quality in American Higher Education outlines the fundamental concepts and competencies society demands from today's college graduates, and provides a vision of the future for students, faculty, and administrators. Based on a national, multidisciplinary effort to define and measure learning outcomes—the Measuring College Learning project—this book identifies 'essential concepts and competencies' for six disciplines. These essential concepts and competencies represent efforts towards articulating a consensus among faculty in biology, business, communication, economics, history, and sociology—disciplines that account for nearly 40 percent of undergraduate majors in the United States. Contributions from thought leaders in higher education, including Ira Katznelson, George Kuh, and Carol Geary Schneider, offer expert perspectives and persuasive arguments for the need for greater clarity, intentionality, and quality in U.S. higher education. College faculty are our best resource for improving the quality of undergraduate education. This book offers a path forward based on faculty perspectives nationwide: Clarify program structure and aims Articulate high-quality learning goals Rigorously measure student progress Prioritize higher order competencies and disciplinarily grounded conceptual understandings A culmination of over two years of efforts by faculty and association leaders from six disciplines, this book distills the national conversation into a delineated set of fundamental ideas and practices, and advocates for the development and use of rigorous assessment tools that are valued by faculty, students, and society. Improving Quality in American Higher Education brings faculty voices to the fore of the conversation and offers an insightful look at the state of higher education, and a realistic strategy for better serving our students.

Among the issues confronting America is long-term care for frail, older persons and others with chronic conditions and functional limitations that limit their ability to care for themselves. Improving the Quality of Long-Term Care takes a comprehensive look at the quality of care and quality of life in long-term care, including nursing homes, home health agencies, residential care facilities, family members and a variety of others. This book describes the current state of long-term care, identifying problem areas and offering recommendations for federal and state policymakers. Who uses long-term care? How have the characteristics of this population changed over time? What paths do people follow in long term care? The committee provides the latest information on these and other key questions. This book explores strengths and limitations of available data and research literature especially for settings other than nursing homes, on methods to measure, oversee, and improve the quality of long-term care. The committee makes recommendations on setting and enforcing standards of care, strengthening the caregiving workforce, reimbursement issues, and expanding the knowledge base to guide organizational and individual caregivers in improving the quality of care.

Frying is one of the oldest and most widely-used of food processes. Its popularity relates to the speed with which a food is cooked, the distinctive flavour and texture frying gives the food and its contribution to increased shelf-life. As a result the process is used for a wide range of vegetable, meat and fish products, particularly ready meals and snack foods. Edited by a leading authority in the field and with a distinguished international team of contributors, Frying provides an authoritative review of key issues in improving quality in the manufacture of fried products. Part one of the book sets the scene by looking at the differing types of fried products and their markets as well as at the regulatory context. It also includes an important discussion of the role of dietary lipids, the impact of frying on lipid intake and its influence on consumer health. Part two looks in detail at frying oils, their composition, the factors affecting frying oil quality and ways of measuring frying oil quality and authenticity. Part three looks at quality issues relating to fried products. There are chapters on two of the main types of fried product: pre-fried potato products such as French fries and the manufacture of potato crisps. Three final chapters look at effective process control of frying operations, flavour development in frying and fried foods and ways of analysing and improving the texture and colour of fried products. Frying oils are the most important common influence on fried product quality. They not only need to withstand the stresses of high temperature in frying but also maintain their quality during subsequent product storage. Frying: improving quality is a standard reference for the food industry and all those concerned with the quality of fried products. An authoritative review of the key issues in improving quality in the manufacture of fried products

As tree nuts and peanuts become increasingly recognised for their health-promoting properties, the provision of safe, high quality nuts is a growing concern. Improving the safety and quality of nuts reviews key aspects of nut safety and quality management. Part one explores production and processing practices and their influence on nut contaminants. Chapters discuss agricultural practices to reduce microbial contamination of nuts, pest control in postharvest nuts, and the impact of nut postharvest handling, de-shelling, drying and storage on quality. Further chapters review the validation of processes for reducing the microbial load on nuts and integrating Hazard Analysis Critical Control Point (HACCP) and Statistical Process Control (SPC) for safer nut processing. Chapters in part two focus on improving nut quality and safety and highlight oxidative rancidity in nuts, the impact of roasting on nut quality, and advances in automated nut sorting. Final chapters explore the safety and quality of a variety of nuts including almonds, macadamia nuts, pecans, peanuts, pistachios and walnuts. Improving the safety and quality of nuts is a comprehensive resource for food safety, product development

and QA professionals using nuts in foods, those involved in nut growing, nut handling and nut processing, and researchers in food science and horticulture departments interested in the area. Reviews key aspects of nut safety and quality management and addresses the influences of production and processing practices on nut safety Analyses particular nut contaminants, safety management in nut processing and significant nut quality issues, such as oxidative rancidity Places focus on quality and safety in the production and processing of selected types of nuts Primary Care Trusts (PCTs) are responsible at the local NHS level for the statutory "duty of care", largely through implementing clinical governance. The concept of clinical governance aims to improve continuously the overall standard of clinical care; reduce variations in outcomes of, and access to, services; and ensure that local decisions are based on the most up to date evidence of what is known to be effective. The key principles of clinical governance are: a coherent approach to quality improvement, clear lines of accountability for clinical quality systems and effective processes for identifying and managing risk and addressing poor performance. Clinical governance, implemented effectively, can provide PCT Chief Executives with assurance that healthcare, whether provided directly or commissioned from other providers, is both safe and of good quality. This report finds that the organisational structures and processes for clinical governance have largely been put in place at PCT level. But progress in implementing the different components of clinical governance varies both within and between PCTs. More needs to be done to provide assurance about the performance of General Practitioners and the systems which protect the safety of patients. Key features of those PCTs that can demonstrate consistent improvements in quality include effective clinical leadership, maintaining the capacity to deliver services, ensuring the quality of the patient experience and improving services based on lessons from complaints and patient safety incidents. The higher performing PCTs are characterised by: availability and accessibility of information to support evidence-based medicine; all staff appraised against an agreed work and development programme; service users involved in service development; clear action plans developed in response to clinical risks; and underperformance by clinical staff addressed by clear management procedures.

Open up Improving the Quality of the Medication Use Process: Error Prevention and Reducing Adverse Drug Events, and you'll gain instant access to crucial data pertaining to the prevention, detection, and research of error in health care, specifically in the pharmacy profession. Under the direction of this collection of current and timely chapters, you'll find that you can become more adept at defining error, determining the factors that contribute to error, and deciding how medication errors can be reduced and even completely prevented. Each year, an estimated 120,000 preventable deaths and nearly 1,000,000 injuries occur during the course of medical treatment--a staggering and alarming figure. Improving the Quality of the Medication Use Process takes a hard look at such misguided health care and proposes quick and effective methods for intervention on the part of the individual professional and the health care community at large. These and other topics will help you in your efforts to identify error and design methods of error prevention: the causes of medication errors strategies relative to system modifications--practice standards, packaging, labeling, and product identity accountability issues from various multidisciplinary health care sectors the medical, ethical, and public policy considerations associated with medication errors and patient injuries various system and practice initiatives currently being implemented to facilitate the medication use process Improving the Quality of the Medication Use Process is a book for physicians, pharmacists, nurses, health care system managers, the pharmaceutical industry, and the average citizen who has been in the health care system and wants to be informed before the next trip to the office or drugstore. Read it, and you'll find that you more clearly understand the problems leading up to adverse drug events. You'll also feel more dedicated to taking the proactive measures that will minimize or even eliminate medication errors.

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[Hearing Before the Subcommittee on Health of the Committee on Ways and Means, House of Representatives, One Hundred Fourth Congress, First Session, May 16, 1995](#)

Organizations around the world are using Lean to redesign care and improve processes in a way that achieves and sustains meaningful results for patients, staff, physicians, and health systems. Lean Hospitals, Third Edition explains how to use the Lean methodology and mindsets to improve safety, quality, access, and morale while reducing costs, increasing capacity, and strengthening the long-term bottom line. This updated edition of a Shingo Research Award recipient begins with an overview of Lean methods. It explains how Lean practices can help reduce various frustrations for caregivers, prevent delays and harm for patients, and improve the long-term health of your organization. The second edition of this book presented new material on identifying waste, A3 problem solving, engaging employees in continuous improvement, and strategy deployment. This third edition adds new sections on structured Lean problem solving methods (including Toyota Kata), Lean Design, and other topics. Additional examples, case studies, and explanations are also included throughout the book. Mark Graban is also the co-author, with Joe Swartz, of the book Healthcare Kaizen: Engaging Frontline Staff in Sustainable Continuous Improvements, which is also a Shingo Research Award recipient. Mark and Joe also wrote The Executive 's Guide to Healthcare Kaizen.

This volume, developed by the Observatory together with OECD, provides an overall conceptual framework for understanding and applying strategies aimed at improving quality of care. Crucially, it summarizes available evidence on different quality strategies and provides recommendations for their implementation. This book is intended to help policy-makers to understand concepts of quality and to support them to evaluate single strategies and combinations of strategies.

As more people live longer, the need for quality long-term care for the elderly will increase dramatically. This volume examines the current system of nursing home regulations, and proposes an overhaul to better provide for those confined to such facilities. It determines the need for regulations, and concludes that the present regulatory system is inadequate, stating that what is needed is not more regulation, but better regulation. This long-anticipated study provides a wealth of useful background information, in-depth study, and discussion for nursing home administrators, students, and teachers in the health care field; professionals involved in caring for the elderly; and geriatric specialists.

Global aquaculture production has grown rapidly over the last 50 years. It is generally accepted that there is limited potential to increase traditional fisheries since most fish stocks are well or fully exploited. Consequently increased aquaculture production is required in order to maintain global per capita fish consumption at the present level. Fish farming enables greater control of product quality and safety, and presents the possibility of tailoring products according to consumer demands. This important collection reviews safety and quality issues in farmed fish and presents methods to improve product characteristics. The first part of the book focuses on chemical contaminants, chemical use in aquaculture and farmed fish safety. After an opening chapter discussing the risks and benefits of consumption of farmed fish, subsequent contributions consider environmental contaminants, pesticides, drug use and antibiotic resistance in aquaculture. Part two addresses important quality issues, such as selective breeding to improve flesh quality, the effects of dietary factors including alternative lipids and proteins sources on eating quality, microbial safety of farmed products, parasites, flesh colouration and off-flavours. Welfare issues and the ethical quality of farmed products are also covered. The final part discusses ways of managing of product quality, with chapters on HACCP, monitoring and surveillance, authenticity and product labelling. With its distinguished editor and international team of contributors, Improving farmed fish quality and safety is a standard reference for aquaculture industry professionals and academics in the field. Reviews safety and quality issues in farmed fish and presents methods to improve product characteristics Discusses contaminants, persistent organic pollutants and veterinary drug residues and methods for their reduction and control Addresses important quality issues, genetic control of flesh characteristics and the effects of feed on product nutritional and sensory quality

Improve the Quality of Concrete, Improve the Quality of Construction Quality measurement is not prevalent in the concrete industry and quality investment is not seen as potentially generating a positive return. Improving Concrete Quality examines how and why concrete quality should be measured, and includes instruction on developing specifications with the aim of improving concrete quality. Reduce Concrete Variability: Reduce Costs and Increase Volume The first part of the book considers the tangible and intangible benefits of improved quality. The later chapters explore concrete strength variability in detail. It provides a greater grasp of the variation in concrete, as well as a deeper understanding of how material variability affects concrete performance. The author discusses the components of variability (material, manufacturing, testing) and provides steps to measuring and reducing variability to improve the quality of concrete. The text also contains a chapter on data analysis for quality monitoring and test results. Come Away with Practices and Tools That Can Be Applied Immediately: Provides techniques and how specifications can improve concrete quality Offers a clear understanding of the link between the materials (cement, SCM, aggregate, water, air), manufacturing, testing variability, and concrete quality Includes information on analyzing test data to improve quality Improving Concrete Quality quantifies the benefits of improved quality, and introduces novel ways of measuring concrete quality. This text is an ideal resource for quality personnel in the concrete industry. It also benefits architects, engineers, contractors, and researchers.

The Definitive Six Sigma Guide for Healthcare: Methodologies, Tools, and Metrics Rising costs are making healthcare unaffordable for millions, and 100,000 people die every year due to medical error. Healthcare must change--dramatically. Many leading healthcare institutions are discovering a powerful toolset for addressing both quality and cost: Six Sigma. In this hands-on, start-to-finish guidebook, four leading experts introduce Six Sigma from the unique standpoint of the healthcare professional, showing exactly how to implement it in real-world environments. Drawing on their unsurpassed experience, the authors offer step-by-step methodologies, tools, and metrics--all thoroughly adapted to the unique realities of healthcare. They demonstrate how to utilize Six Sigma 's Define, Measure, Analyze, Improve, and Control (DMAIC) process to address even the most challenging problems. They also offer realistic guidance on rolling out Six Sigma initiatives that deliver rapid and sustainable value. The authors show Six Sigma at work in every area of the hospital: clinical, radiology, surgery, ICU, cardiovascular, laboratories, emergency, trauma, administrative services, staffing, billing, cafeteria, even central supply. You'll learn why Six Sigma can produce better results than other quality initiatives, how it brings new rigor and discipline to healthcare delivery, and how it can be used to sustain ongoing improvements for the long term. Coverage includes · Adapting Six Sigma methodology, tools, and measurements for healthcare · Designing more successful experiments · Rolling out your Six Sigma initiative successfully · Case studies from every area of the hospital, from the ICU to billing · Six Sigma templates modified fully for the healthcare environment Comprehensive and user-friendly, this book will be indispensable to everyone concerned with quality or cost: administrators, managers, physicians, and quality specialists alike. Where Six Sigma is already in use or being considered, it will serve as a shared blueprint for the entire team.

This book explores an approach to school improvement that merges the traditions of educational effectiveness research and school improvement efforts. It displays how the dynamic model, which is theoretical and empirically validated, can be used in both traditions. Each chapter integrates evidence from international and national studies, showing how the knowledge-base of educational effectiveness research can be used for improvement purposes. In a clear and practicable manner it outlines: Foundations of the improvement approach Research projects investigating the impact of the dynamic approach Guidelines and practical solutions to translating the approach into action Further developments for school improvement Exploring the crucial factors in the establishment of this environment, the authors outline a dynamic framework that helps schools collect data, through self-evaluation mechanisms, taking decisions about priorities for improvement, and developing appropriate policies and action plans. This approach emphasises educational targets and provides means to achieve them that are flexible enough to fit in with the circumstances of the individual school. The book draws upon research across the world, conducted especially in the United States, Europe, and Australasia, expertly showcasing how the dynamic approach can be used in a wide variety of educational settings A key book for all professionals working in education; academics, researchers, policy-makers, school advisors and practitioners will find it invaluable. Not only it is a must for graduate students, university libraries, and individual academics but also for school management teams, school support agencies and officials in educational policy.

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Learn how to improve the quality of health care offered by your institution using data you already have Improving Health Care Quality: Case Studies with JMP® teaches readers how to systematically identify problems, collect and interpret data, and solve issues in the real world. Relying on JMP® software, the authors walk readers through the process of applying quality improvement techniques to real-life health care problems. The case studies provided in the book vary significantly and provide a wide-ranging view of the application of quality improvement techniques in the health care field. Studies regarding length of stay of diabetes patients to benchmarking the costs of hip replacement all serve to illuminate and explain the underlying concepts of statistical analysis. The authors break each case study down into several sections, including: Background and Task Data and Data Management Analysis Summary Concepts and Tools Exercises and Discussion Questions Each section reinforces the lessons learned in each case study and helps the reader learn to apply statistical data to their own health care quality problems.

A valuable reference for those involved in the field of ambulatory patient care, Improving Quality in Outpatient Services offers time-tested instruction on how to create a world-class outpatient program. It supplies a high-level overview of current opportunities, national quality programs, and challenges--outlining the policies, procedures, and plans required for success. Stimulating readers with a wealth of practical applications, stories, and examples, the book details the governance, medical staff, and quality structures required to create, implement, and maintain a safe and efficient outpatient program. It introduces powerful techniques for infection control, medication management, risk prevention, and the elimination of medication errors. It also: Lists mandatory policies and procedures Contains practice drills to prepare you for real-world scenarios Explains how to create a report card to measure quality at all levels Includes a sample curriculum that outlines the courseware required by OSHA and other licensing and regulatory agencies The authors address documentation and human resources factors and supply an abundance of information and resources in the appendices, including how and where to apply for certification, medical record review tools, policy and procedure checklists, and a state-by-state listing of resources available for outpatient and ambulatory programs. Explaining how to involve patients in the decision making process, the text details a proven system for evaluating quality at all levels of your organization.

*Explores the best acknowledged ways to maintain and improve school education in the UK *Highlights ways for achieving required standards (such as DfEE standards) *Explores the need to find the right balance between external inspection and internal self-examination as methods for identifying sustainable improvements in schools. While predominantly directed at quality in schools, the book looks outward to quality assurance routes used in FE/HE colleges. It provides a practical opportunity for assessing the effectiveness of methods of quality measurement and shows that inspection is a necessary, but not solely sufficient, condition to develop quality.

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