

# ADVERSE EVENTS: THE ERROR OF OUR WAYS

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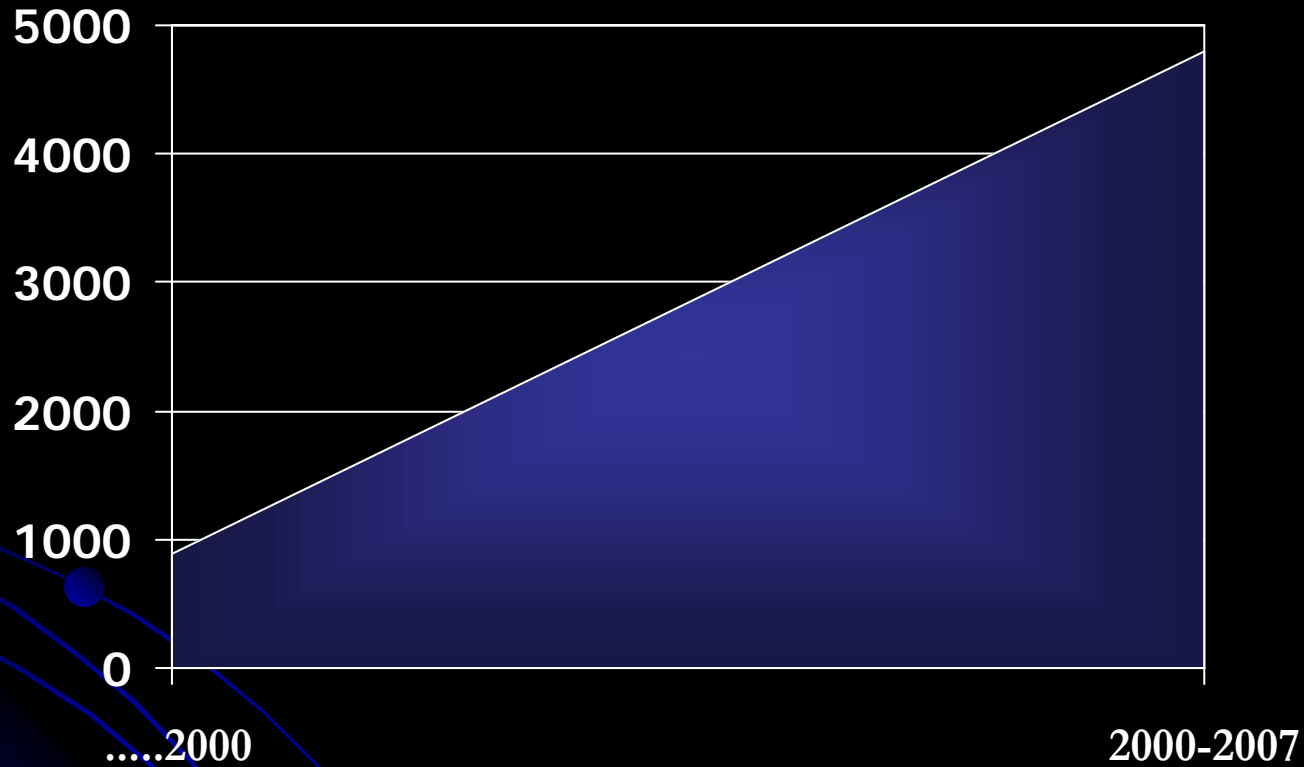


## **TO ERR IS HUMAN - BUILDING A SAFER HEALTH CARE SYSTEM**

**(Kohn, Corrigan, Donaldson, 2000)**

- **44,000-98,000 annual deaths.**
- **8<sup>th</sup> cause of death.**
  - **Car accidents (43,000).**
  - **Breast cancer (42,297).**
  - **AIDS (16,516).**

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## The "To Err is Human" report and the patient safety literature

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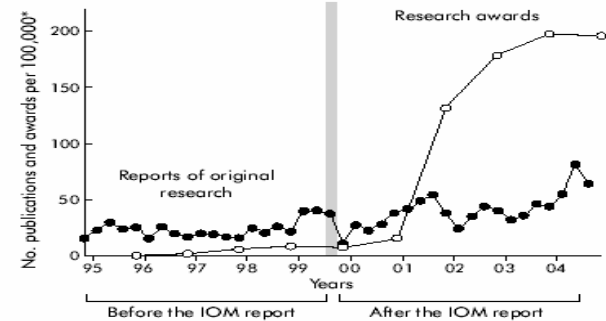
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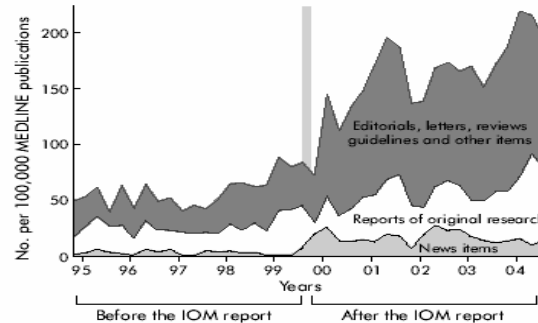
**Table 1** Types of patient safety publications

Type of article	No of articles per 100 000 MEDLINE publications		Percentage change (95% CI)†	p value‡
	Before IOM report	After IOM report		
Original research	23.7	40.8	+72% (+55% to +91%)	<0.001
Editorials	8.6	39.1	+454% (+388% to +530%)	<0.001
Letters to the editor	9.1	23.9	+264% (+225% to +309%)	<0.001
Reviews	12.3	38.4	+313% (+274% to +358%)	<0.001
Guidelines	0.4	2.3	+516% (+264% to +1007%)	<0.001
News items	3.9	17.5	+450% (+357% to +566%)	<0.001
Other items	0.7	2.2	+301% (+72% to +524%)	<0.001

†p values and 95% confidence intervals were calculated from a Poisson comparison of publication rates before and after publication of the IOM report.



**Figure 2** Patient safety research before and after publication of the IOM report "To Err is Human". \*Number of patient safety research publications and research awards per 100 000 MEDLINE publications and 100 000 federally funded biomedical research awards.



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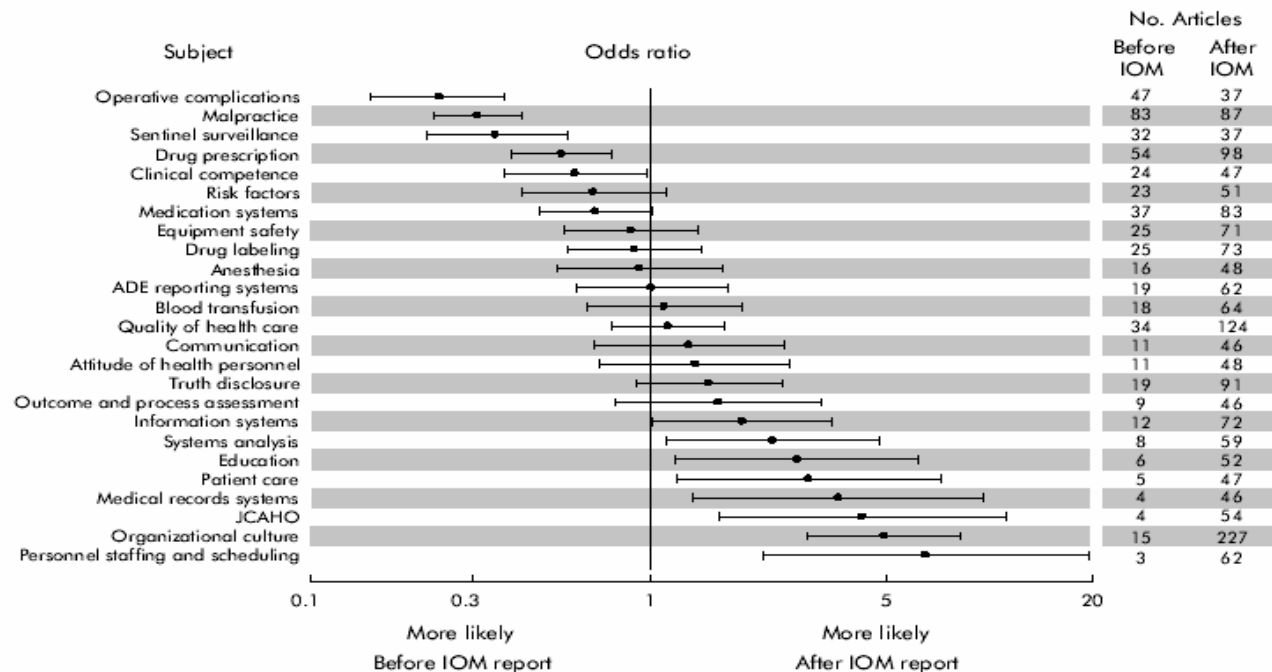


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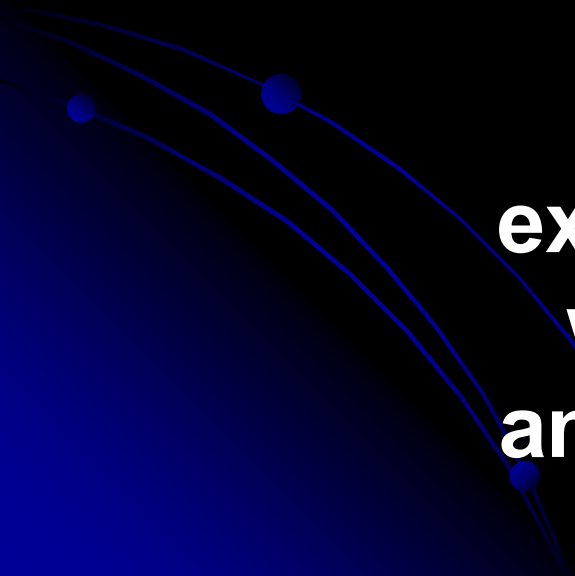
**Adverse Event:** Injury caused by a medical management rather than the underlying clinical condition of the patient.

**Preventable Adverse Event:** Injury resulting from an error.

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Reason J. Human error. Cambridge University Press. 1990.

**An error is defined as the failure of a planned action to be completed as intended (error of execution) or the use of a wrong plan to achieve an aim (error in planning).**



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- **Industry X Health Care System.**
- **Good clinicians do not make mistakes:**

**“Not me” Syndrome**

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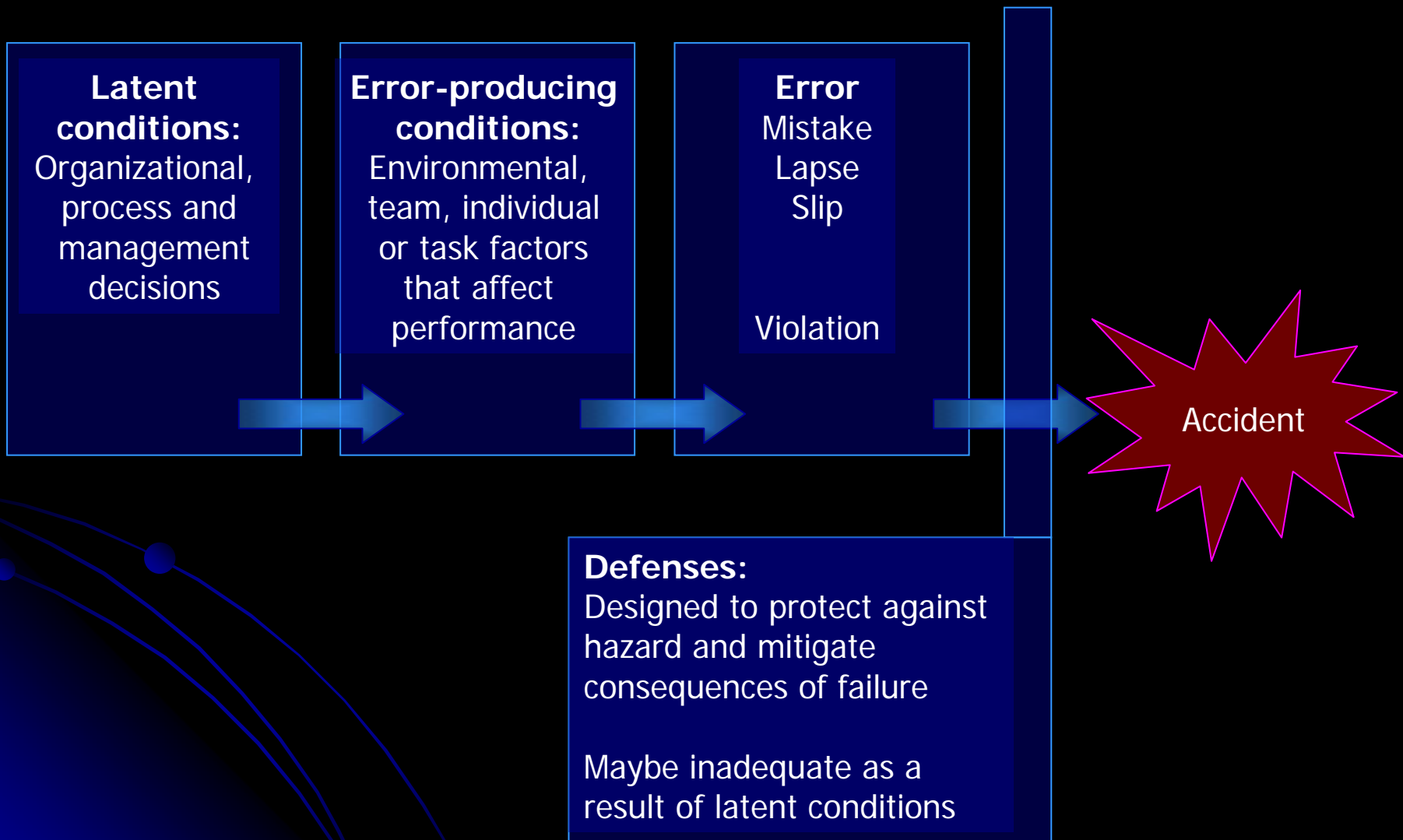
- Embarrassment and Fear
    - Colleagues
    - Patients
    - Families
    - Employers
    - Regulatory agencies
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- **Who did it?**
  - **Why did this happen?**
  - **How did this happen?**
  - **When did this happen?**

**Freedom of  
accidental injury**

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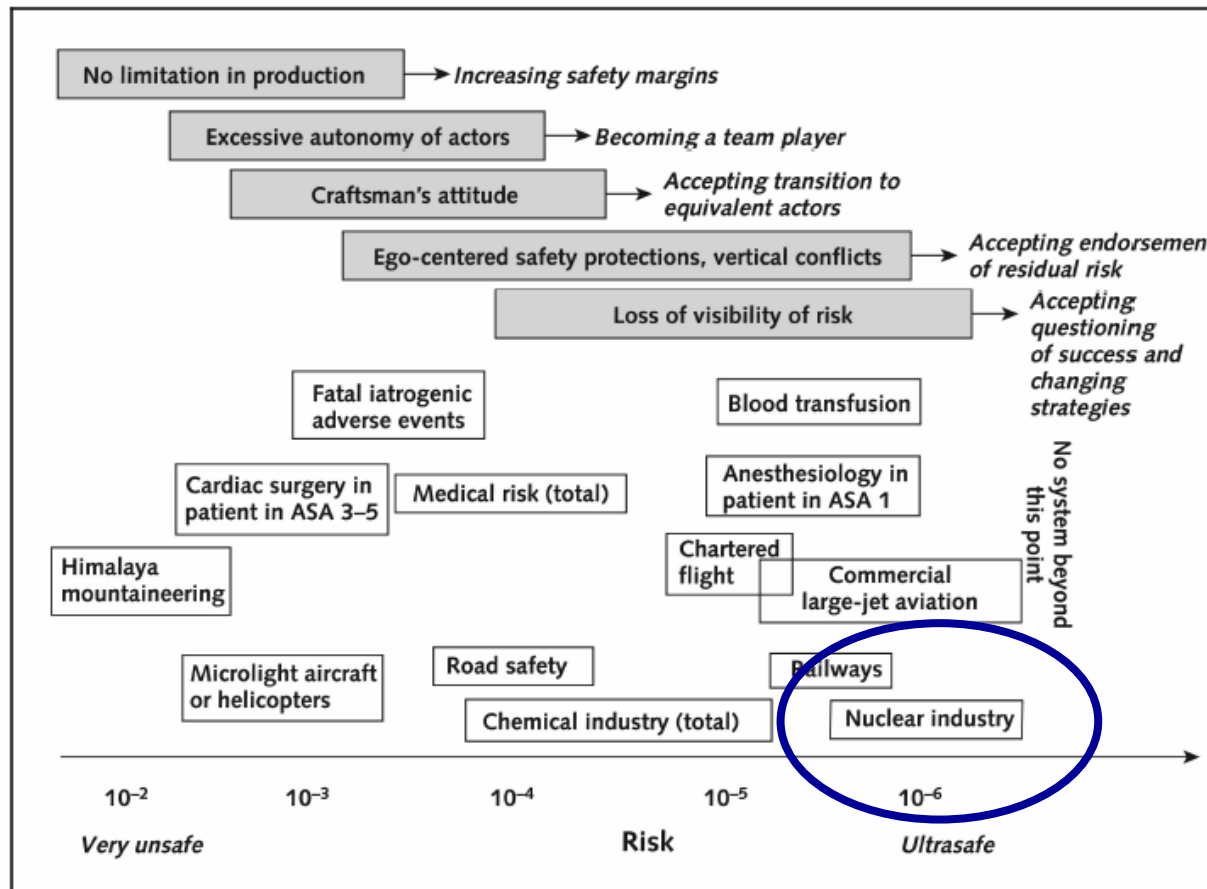


# Five System Barriers to Achieving Ultrasafe Health Care

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Figure 1. Average rate per exposure of catastrophes and associated deaths in various industries and human activities.



# Chernobyl (CCCL – today Ukraine) – April 26<sup>th</sup>, 1986.



- Large nuclear accident in history.
- Thousands of deaths.
- Ecological repercussion.

***16.000 deaths***

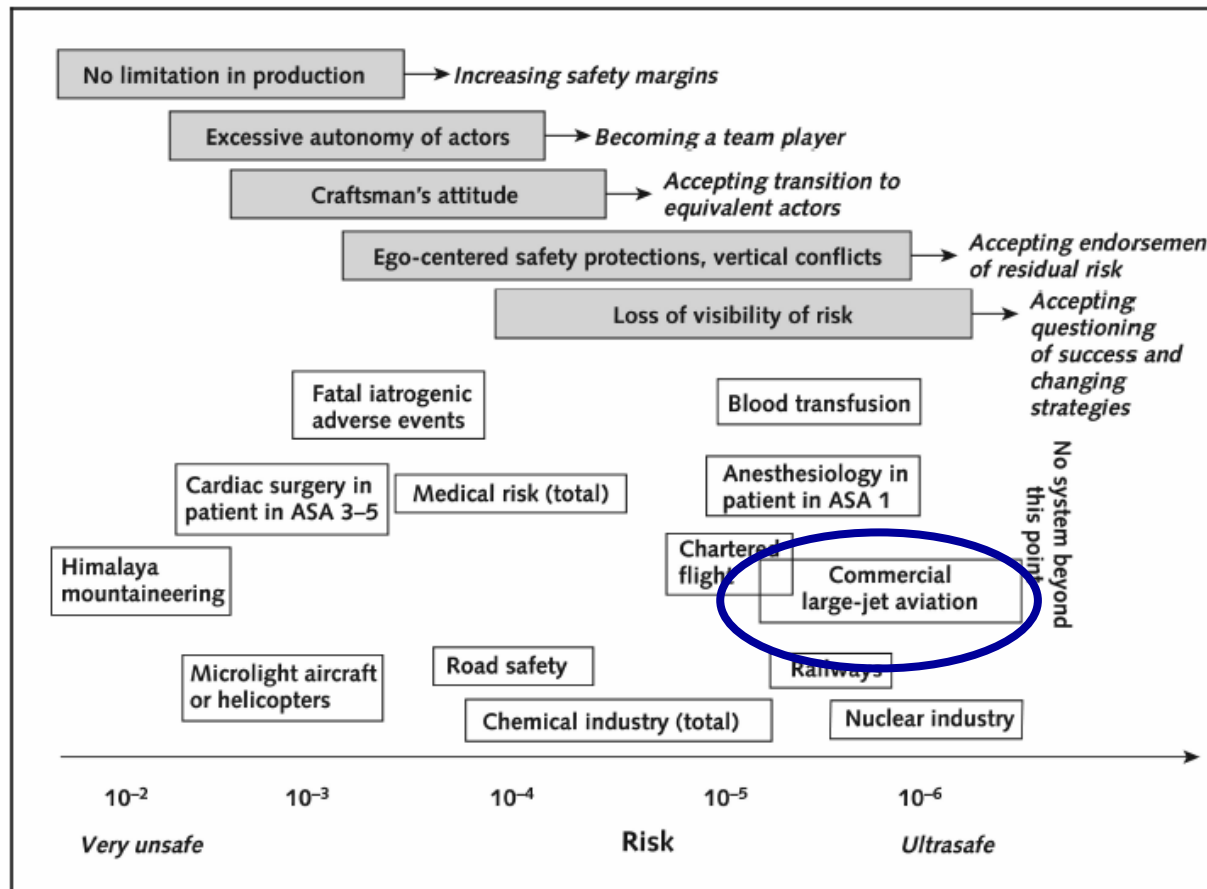


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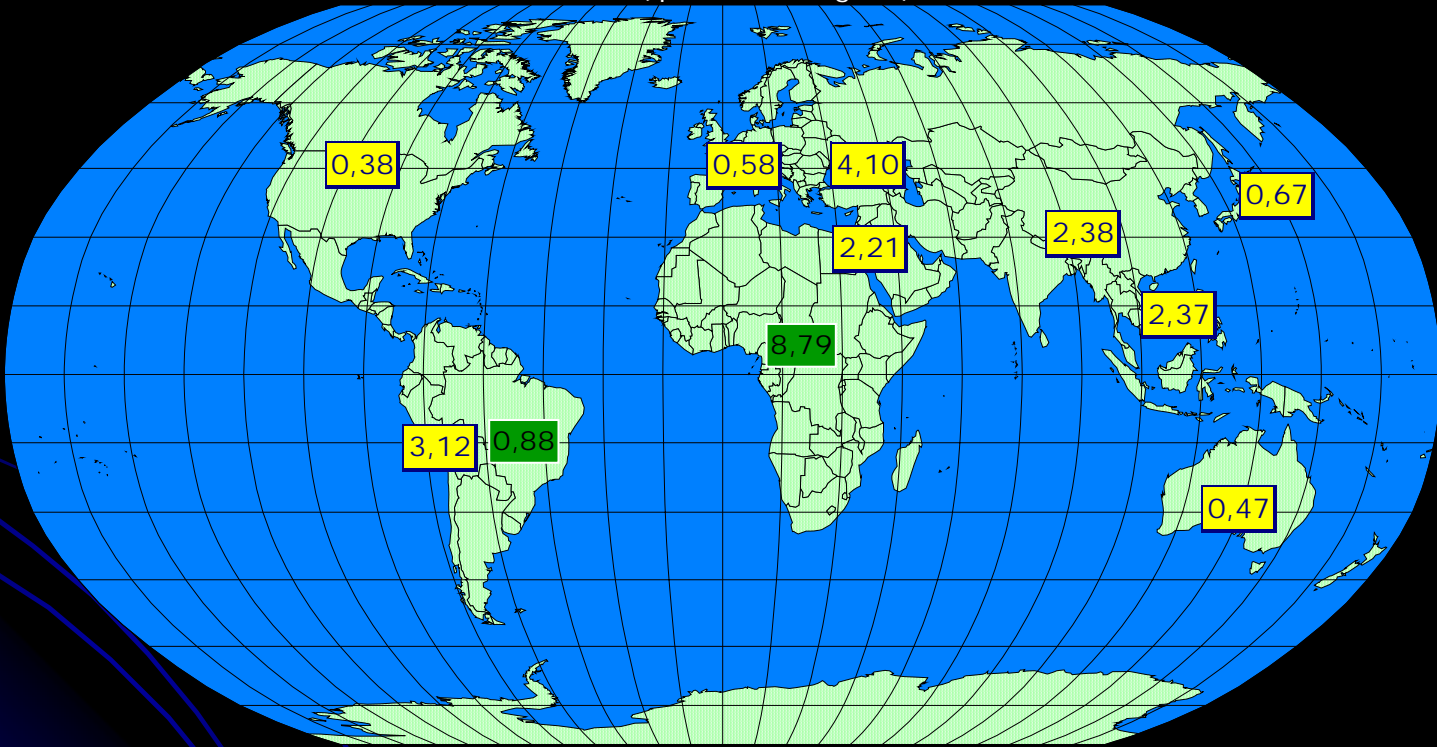
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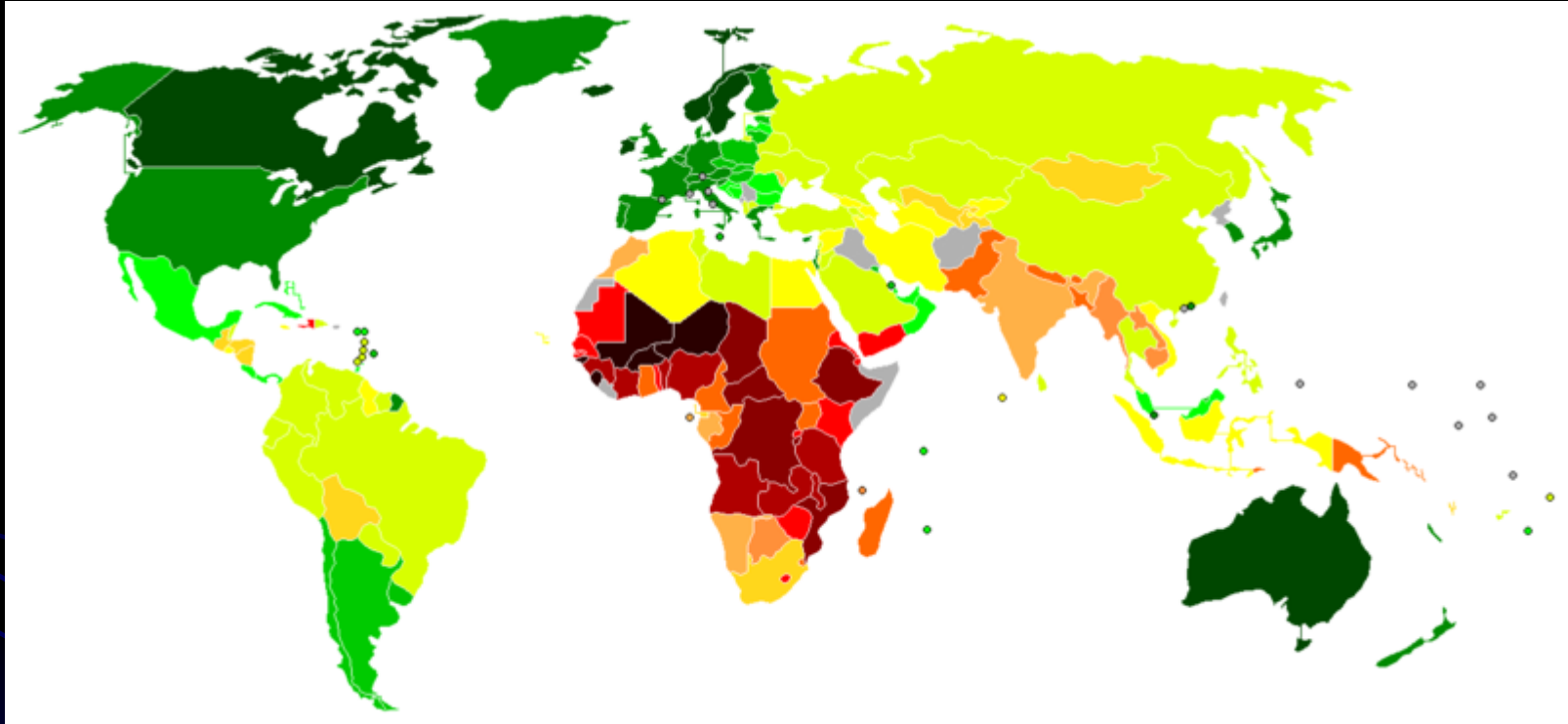
# Safety in Commercial Jet Aviation

Fatal accident rates per area of World  
( per million flights )



World average: 0,92

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## Human Development Index

0.950 and over  
0.900-0.949  
0.850-0.899  
0.800-0.849  
0.750-0.799

0.700-0.749  
0.650-0.699  
0.600-0.649  
0.550-0.599  
0.500-0.549

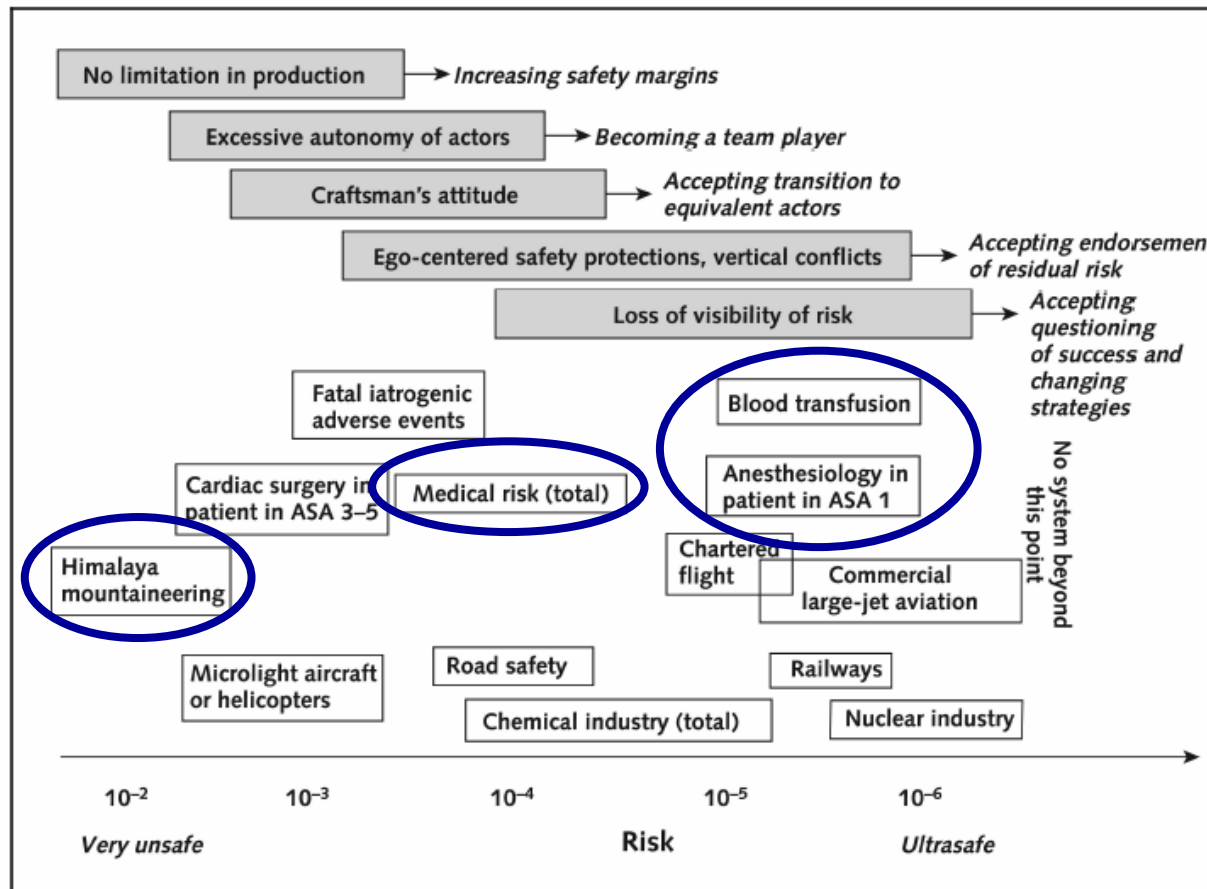
0.450-0.499  
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0.300-0.349  
under 0.300  
n/a

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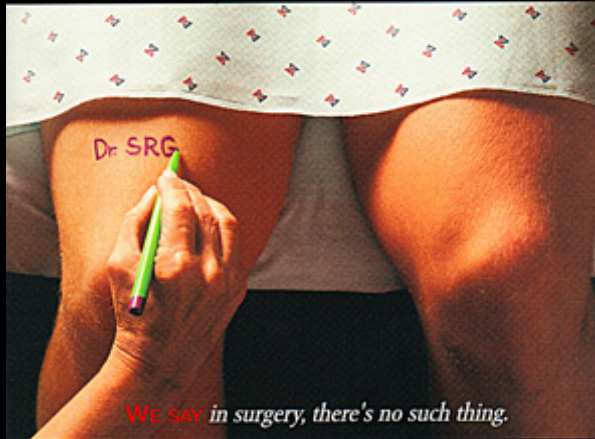
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**WE SAY** *in surgery, there's no such thing.*

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Concise Definitive Review ————— R. Phillip Dellinger, MD, FCCM, Section Editor

How will we know patients are safer? An organization-wide approach to measuring and improving safety

Peter Pronovost, MD, PhD; Christine G. Holzmueller, BLA; Dale M. Needham, MD, PhD;  
J. Bryan Sexton, PhD; Marlene Miller, MD, MSc; Sean Berenholtz, MD, MHS; Albert W. Wu, MD, MPH;  
Trish M. Perl, MD, MSc; Richard Davis, PhD; David Baker, MBA; Laura Winner, MSN, MBA;  
Laura Morlock, PhD

(Crit Care Med 2006; 34:1988–1995)

- How often do we harm patients?
- How often do we provide the interventions that patients should receive?
- How do we know we learned from defects?
- How well have we created a culture of safety?

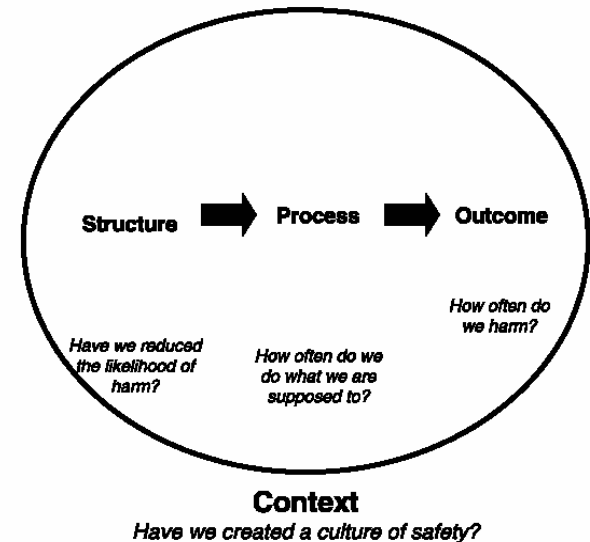
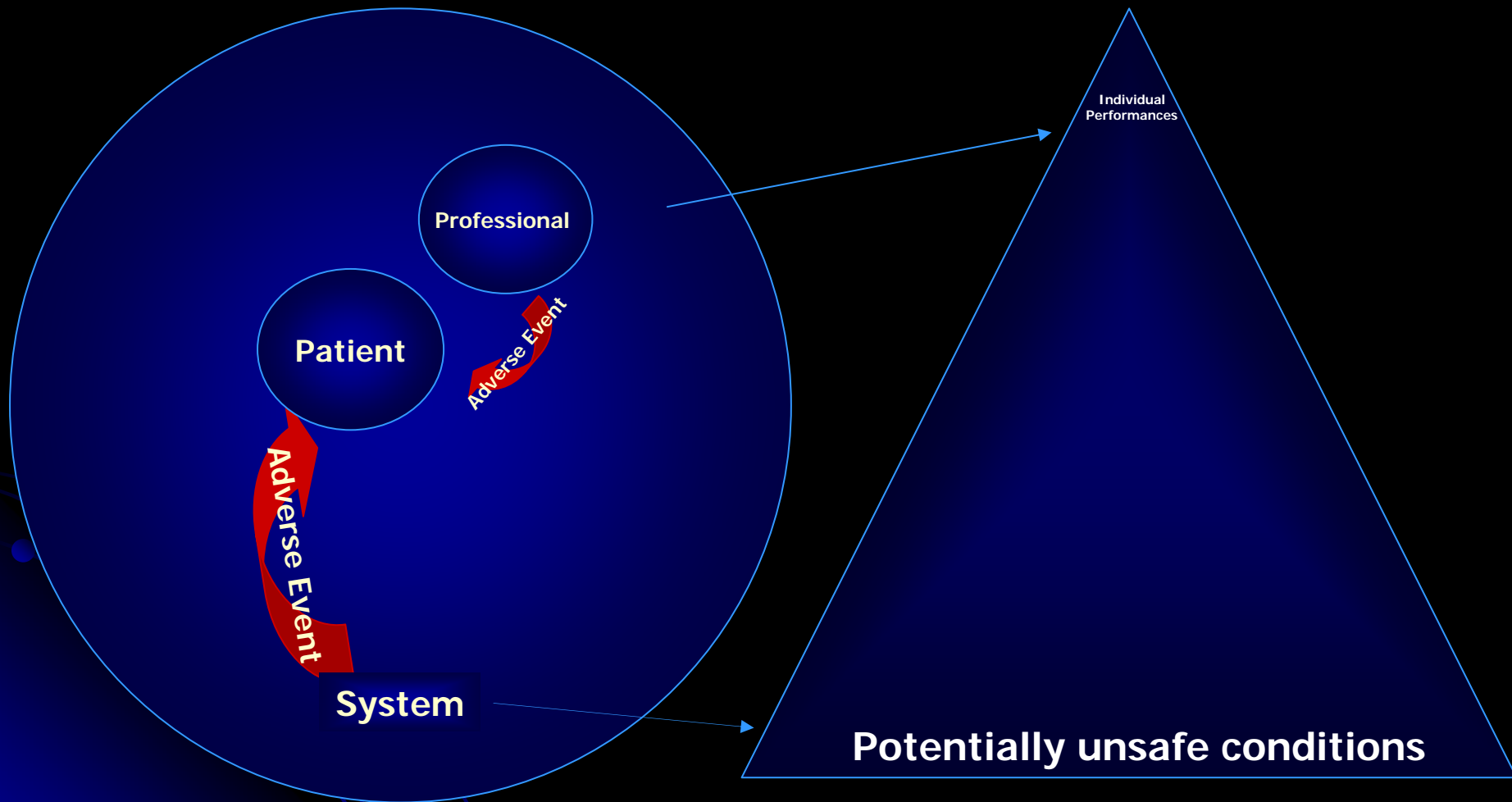


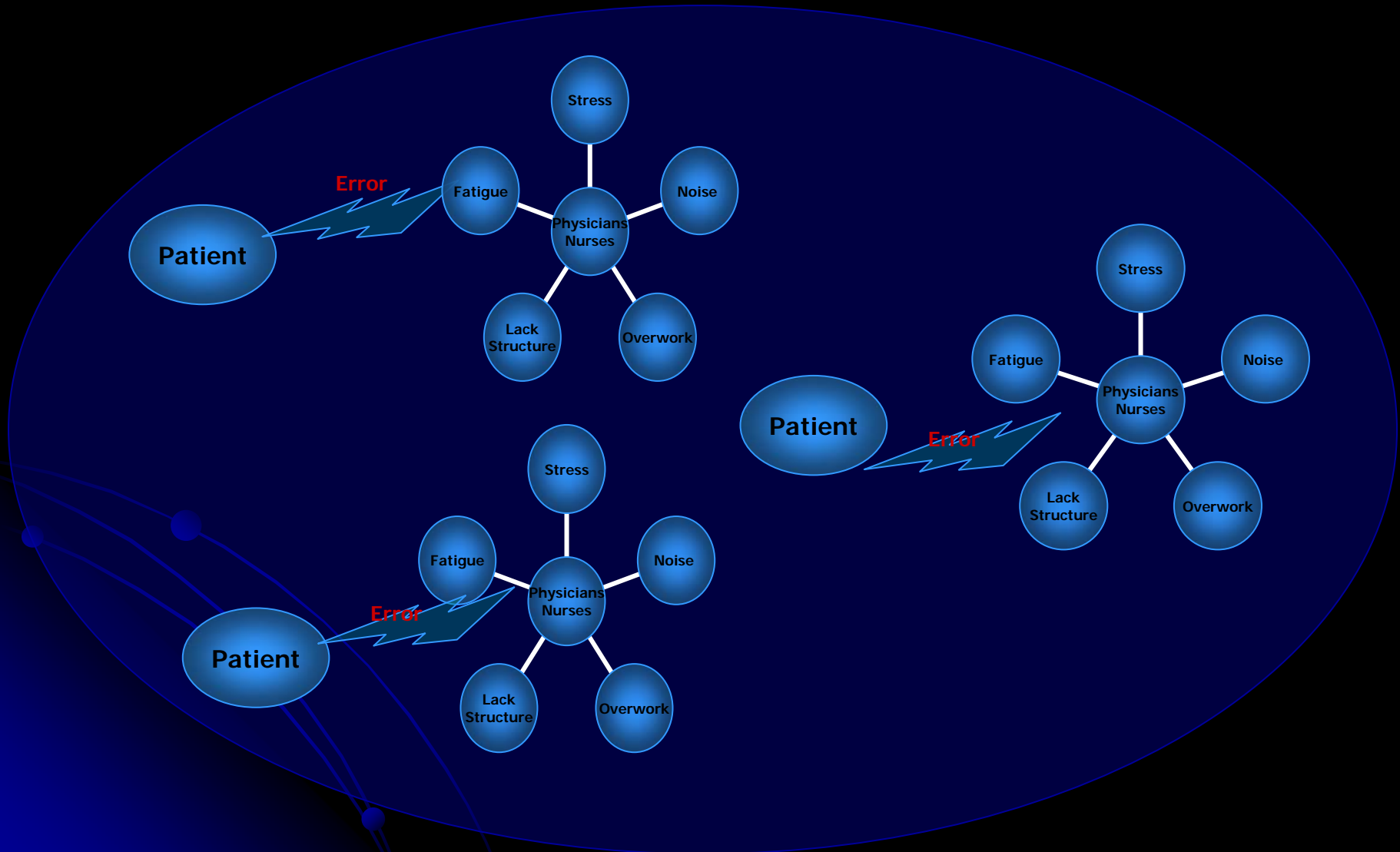
Figure 1. Conceptual model for measuring safety.

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- Perkins GD et al. *Crit Care* 2003; 7:129–32; Coombes A et al. *Arch Intern Med* 2004; 64:389–92:
  - Autopsy studies find missed diagnoses that would have changed therapy and improved outcome in 30% of deceased ICU patients.
- Brooks A, Holroyd B, Riley B. *Injury* 2004; 35: 407–10:
  - Up to 22% of trauma patients have injuries that are missed at the time of their initial evaluations.
- Van den Bemt PM et al. *Crit Care Med* 2002; 30:846–50:
  - Errors in drug administration (other than timing) may occur in 30% of ICU patients.

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- Durie M, Beckmann U, Gillies DM. *Anaesth Intensive Care* 2002; 30:60–5:
  - Major adverse effects from arterial cannulas have been reported in many as 15% of ICU patients (e.g., inadequate securing, accidental dislodgement, incorrect setup, distal ischemia, infection).
- McGee DC, Gould MK. *N Engl J Med* 2003; 358:1123–33
  - Insertion, use, and removal of CVC results in mechanical, infectious, or thrombotic complications in as many as 26% of ICU patients.
  - Prevention: use of alternate sites of insertion, removing catheters as soon as they are no longer needed, using ultrasound guidance during placement.
- Chastre J, Fagon J-Y. *Am J Respir Crit Care Med* 2002; 165:867–903.
  - 28% of ICU patients developed VAP.
  - Prophylactic measures are not uniformly employed.

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**Preventable Adverse Event:** Injury resulting from an error.

**Patient safety:** To provide the right care, to the right patient, in the right way, in the right moment, and using the best scientific information.

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## Patient safety in intensive care: results from the multinational Sentinel Events Evaluation (SEE) study

**Table 3** Sentinel events related to lines, catheters and drains

Item	Total No. of patients	Unplanned dislodgement No. of patients (%) <sup>a</sup>	Inappropriate disconnection No. of patients (%) <sup>a</sup>
Arterial line	1,214	27 (2.2)	11 (0.9)
Central venous line	1,368	19 (1.4)	12 (0.9)
Pulmonary artery catheter	105	4 (3.8)	0
Dialysis catheter	159	6 (3.8)	3 (1.9)
Foley catheter	1,579	24 (1.5)	13 (0.8)
Enteral nutrition probe	1,050	47 (4.5)	11 (1.0)
Intracranial probe, drain	67	1 (1.5)	0
Chest drain	264	4 (1.5)	4 (1.5)
Others	455	12 (2.6)	9 (2.0)

<sup>a</sup> Percentages refer to all patients exposed to the respective item

**Table 5** Stepwise multiple logistic regression: final model

Variable	OR	Lower 95% CI	Upper 95% CI
Patient-to-nurse ratio	Nonlinear	Nonlinear	Nonlinear
Risk time (h)	1.06	1.04	1.08
Any organ failure	1.13	1.00	1.28
NEMS item "specific interventions in the ICU"	1.62	1.18	2.22

The estimate of the variance on the logit scale on ICU level (assuming a normally distributed random effect) is  $0.72 \pm 0.18$  (mean  $\pm$  SE).

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**COMMENTARY**

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## The 100 000 Lives Campaign

Setting a Goal and a Deadline  
for Improving Health Care Quality

JAMA, January 18, 2006—Vol 295, No. 3

- Deploy Medical Emergency Teams.
- Prevent Adverse Drug Events through Medication Reconciliation.
- Prevent Central-Lines Related Infections.
- Prevent Surgical Site Infections.
- Prevent Ventilator-Associated Pneumonia.

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## From best evidence to best practice: effective implementation of change in patients' care

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*Richard Grol, Jeremy Grimshaw*

- Continuous development of health-care innovations presents a constant promise of more effective and safe patients' care.
- 10 000 - MEDLINE every year and 350 000 by the Cochrane collaboration.
- Major difficulties arise in introducing these innovations into routine daily practice.
- USA and the Netherlands:
  - 30–40% of patients do not receive care according to present scientific evidence.
  - 20–25% of care provided is not needed or is potentially harmful.

Lucian L. Leape, MD  
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## Five Years After *To Err Is Human* What Have We Learned?

JAMA, May 18, 2005—Vol 293, No. 19

**Table.** Clinical Effectiveness of Safe Practices

Intervention	Results
Perioperative antibiotic protocol	Surgical site infections decreased by 93%*
Physician computer order entry	81% Reduction of medication errors <sup>28,29</sup>
Pharmacist rounding with team	66% Reduction of preventable adverse drug events <sup>30</sup> 78% Reduction of preventable adverse drug events <sup>31</sup>
Protocol enforcement	95% Reduction in central venous line infections† 92% Reduction in central venous line infections‡
Rapid response teams	Cardiac arrests decreased by 15% <sup>32</sup>
Reconciling medication practices	90% Reduction in medication errors <sup>33</sup>
Reconciling and standardizing medication practices	60% Reduction in adverse drug events over 12 mo (from 7.6 per 1000 doses to 3.1 per 1000 doses) <sup>33</sup> 64% Reduction in adverse drug events in 20 mo (from 3.8 per 1000 doses to 1.39 per 1000 doses) <sup>4</sup>
Standardized insulin dosing	Hypoglycemic episodes decreased 63% (from 2.95% of patients to 1.1%) <sup>34</sup> 90% Reduction in cardiac surgical wound infections (from 3.9% of patients to 0.4%)§
Standardized warfarin dosing	Out-of-range international normalized ratio decreased by 60% (from 25% of tests to 10%) <sup>33</sup>
Team training in labor and delivery	50% Reduction in adverse outcomes in preterm deliveries
Trigger tool and automation	Adverse drug events reduced by 75% between 2001 and 2003 <sup>35</sup>
Ventilator bundle protocol	Ventilator-associated pneumonias decreased by 62%*

\*J Whittington, written communication, March 2005.

†P. Pronovost, Johns Hopkins Hospital, written communication, January 2005.

‡R. Shannon, written communication, January 2005.

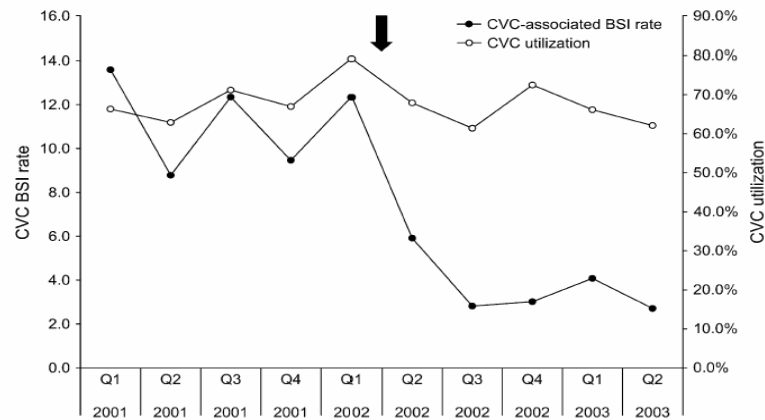
§K. McKinley, Geisinger Clinic, written communication, April 2005.

||B. Sachs, Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center, written communication, October 2004.

# Translating evidence into practice to prevent central venous catheter-associated bloodstream infections: A systems-based intervention

Erika M. Young, DO,<sup>a</sup> Marie L. Commiskey, BS, CCRN,<sup>b</sup> and Stephen J. Wilson, MD, MPH<sup>a,b</sup>  
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(Am J Infect Control 2006;34:503-6.)



**Fig 1.** Quarterly central venous catheter (CVC)-associated bloodstream infection (BSI) rate per 1000 CVC-days and CVC utilization before and after the intervention (arrow).

11.3 per 1000 CVC-days to 3.7 per 1000 CVC days ( $p < .01$ )

(Med Care 2007;45: 571–578)

# Nurse Working Conditions and Patient Safety Outcomes

Patricia W. Stone, PhD,\* Cathy Mooney-Kane, MPH,† Elaine L. Larson, PhD,\*  
Teresa Horan, MPH,‡ Laurent G. Glance, MD,§ Jack Zwanziger, PhD,¶ and Andrew W. Dick, PhD†||

**TABLE 3.** Adjusted Odds Ratios Indicating the Effects of Nurse Working Conditions on Patient Safety Outcomes

Variable	CLBSI (n = 6385)		CAUTI (n = 6031)		VAP (n = 5462)		30-d Mortality (n = 15846)		Decubitus Ulcer (n = 9554)	
	OR	95% CI	OR	95% CI	OR	95% CI	OR	95% CI	OR	95% CI
Administrative processes: nurse working conditions										
Organizational climate	1.19 <sup>†</sup>	1.05-1.36	0.61 <sup>†</sup>	0.44-0.83	1.03	0.79-1.34	0.97	0.90-1.02	1.06	0.83-1.37
Staffing										
Second quartile	0.97	0.55-1.17	0.79	0.50-1.25	0.71	0.43-1.19	0.89	0.77-1.02	0.94	0.64-1.39
Third quartile	0.32 <sup>†</sup>	0.15-0.70	0.96	0.44-2.07	0.68	0.39-1.21	0.81 <sup>†</sup>	0.69-0.95	0.69*	0.49-0.98
Fourth quartile	0.57	0.20-1.67	0.86	0.37-1.98	0.21 <sup>†</sup>	0.08-0.53	0.89	0.76-1.05	1.01	0.63-1.61
Overtime										
Second quartile	0.67	0.24-1.88	2.53 <sup>‡</sup>	1.66-3.86	0.76	0.24-2.39	0.99	0.80-1.21	1.39	0.82-2.34
Third quartile	0.69	0.33-1.44	3.54 <sup>‡</sup>	1.95-6.40	0.88	0.39-1.95	1.03	0.80-1.32	1.16	0.67-2.03
Fourth quartile	0.33 <sup>†</sup>	0.15-0.72	4.72 <sup>‡</sup>	2.21-10.05	1.26	0.53-2.96	1.06	0.91-1.31	1.91*	1.17-3.11
Nurses' wages	0.91	0.73-1.13	1.15	0.96-1.36	1.16	0.91-1.48	0.97	0.90-1.02	0.98	0.83-1.23
Structures of care										
Profit										
Second quartile	0.68	0.25-1.81	1.85*	1.04-3.31	4.47 <sup>‡</sup>	2.42-8.27	1.04	0.90-1.21	1.76*	1.21-2.78
Third quartile	0.85	0.31-2.31	1.48	0.58-3.74	1.51	0.55-4.08	0.85	0.67-1.06	0.80	0.44-1.44
Fourth quartile	0.11 <sup>†</sup>	0.04-0.30	1.11	0.56-2.17	2.55 <sup>‡</sup>	1.20-5.43	0.85	0.71-1.03	0.81	0.41-1.57
Magnet	0.67	0.30-1.50	0.74	0.23-2.29	1.04	0.23-4.71	0.92	0.73-1.17	1.57	0.93-2.65
Pseudo R <sup>2</sup>	0.19 <sup>‡</sup>		0.15 <sup>‡</sup>		0.15 <sup>‡</sup>		0.18 <sup>‡</sup>		0.14 <sup>‡</sup>	

## • Setting and Patients

- 15,846 patients in 51 intensive care units in 31 hospitals ; 1095 nurses were surveyed.

## • Results

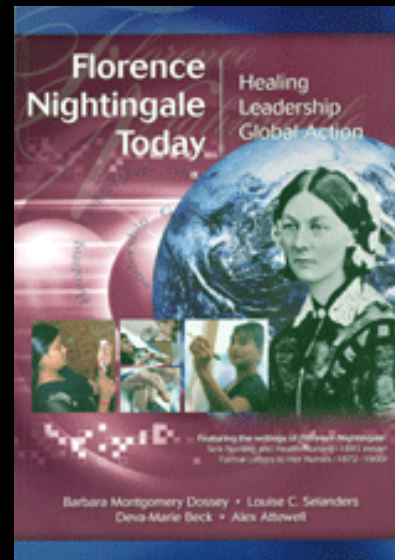
- Units with higher staffing had lower incidence of CLBSI, ventilator-associated pneumonia, 30-day mortality, and decubiti ulcer ( $P$  0.05).
- Increased overtime was associated with higher rates of catheter-associated urinary tract infections and decubiti ulcers.
- Slightly lower rates of CLBSI ( $P$  0.05).

## • Conclusions

- Nurse working conditions were associated with all outcomes measured.
- Improving working conditions will most likely promote patient safety.



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## 1. *The global Patient safety challenge:*

- *Clean Care is Safer Care.*
- *Safe Surgery Saves Lives.*

## 2. *Patients for Patient safety .*

## 3. *Reporting and Learning.*

## 4. *Taxonomy for Patient safety.*

## 5. *Research for Patient safety.*

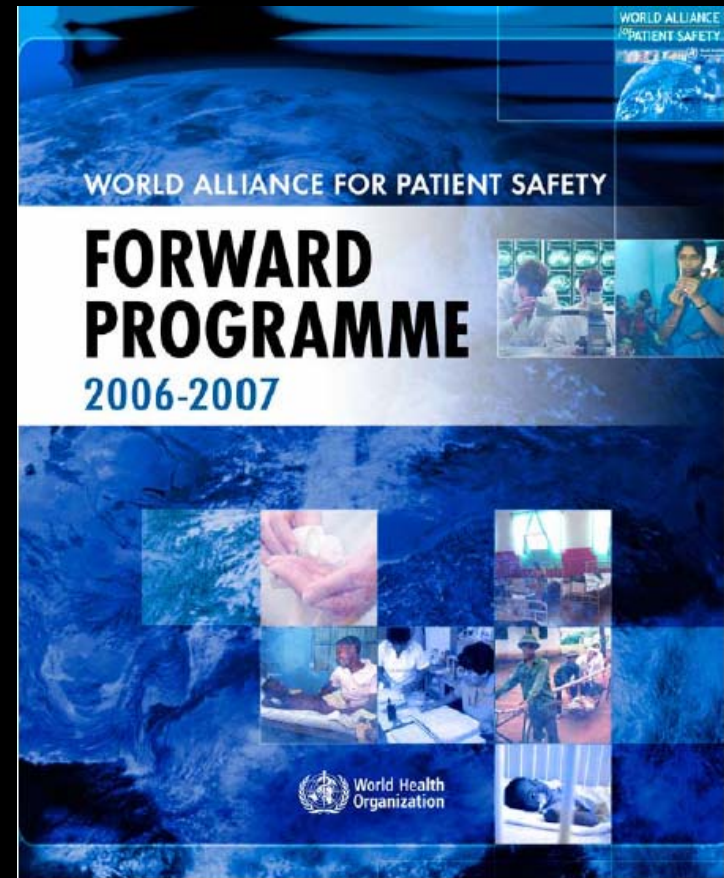
## 6. *Safety solutions.*

## 7. *Safety in action.*

## 8. *Technology for Patient safety.*

## 9. *Care of acutely ill Patients.*

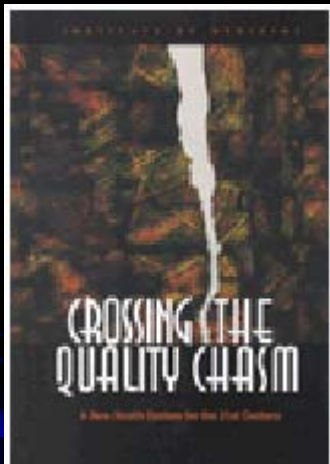
## 10. *Patient safety knowledge at your fingertips.*



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## *Establishing Aims for the 21st-Century Health Care System*

- *Safe*—avoiding injuries to patients from the care that is intended to help them.
- *Effective*—providing services based on scientific knowledge to all who could benefit and refraining from providing services to those not likely to benefit (avoiding under use and overuse, respectively).
- *Patient-centered*—providing care that is respectful of and responsive to individual patient preferences, needs, and values and ensuring that patient values guide all clinical decisions.



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## *Establishing Aims for the 21st-Century Health Care System*

- *Timely*—reducing waits and sometimes harmful delays for both those who receive and those who give care.
- *Efficient*—avoiding waste, including waste of equipment, supplies, ideas, and energy.
- *Equitable*—providing care that does not vary in quality because of personal characteristics such as gender, ethnicity, geographic location, and socioeconomic status.

