
(Oak Brook, Ill.—March 5, 2012) Joint Commission Resources (JCR) and the Institute for Healthcare Improvement (IHI) announce the publication of Fundamentals of Health Care Improvement: A Guide to Improving Your Patients’ Care, Second Edition. JCR is a not-for-profit affiliate of The Joint Commission.

Research shows that quality improvement (QI) initiatives are more successful when implemented through an interprofessional approach. Authored by a team of physicians and nurses, the second edition of Fundamentals of Health Care Improvement is grounded in this principle. Charting a course for future health care professionals, the book provides nursing students, medical students and resident physicians with information and practice guidelines related to the basics of QI. Fundamentals of Health Care Improvement: A Guide to Improving Your Patients’ Care, Second Edition contains a new foreword by IHI president and CEO Maureen Bisognano along with the following features that are designed to prepare readers to be advanced beginners in QI:

- Methods for identifying and closing the quality gap and improving patient safety
- Instruction on how to find, evaluate, and apply scientific evidence for improving care
- Discussion of communication, teamwork, and an interprofessional approach
- Description of process literacy and a variety of process modeling/mapping procedures
- Comparisons between and practical applications of various measurement tools
- Three-step approach for planning, developing, and sustaining a “spread” effort
- Educator’s guide chapter with activities for medical and nursing students
The book is available for $35, using order code PIMS11. To order this book, call JCR Customer Service toll-free at 877.223.6866, 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. CST, weekdays, or visit www.jcrinc.com.

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