

Avoiding Errors In General Practice

This handbook succinctly describes over 500 common errors made by nurses and offers practical, easy-to-remember tips for avoiding these errors. Coverage includes the entire scope of nursing practice—administration, medications, process of care, behavioral and psychiatric, cardiology, critical care, endocrine, gastroenterology and nutrition, hematology-oncology, infectious diseases, nephrology, neurology, pulmonary, preoperative, operative, and postoperative care, emergency nursing, obstetrics and gynecology, and pediatric nursing. The book can easily be read immediately before the start of a rotation or used for quick reference. Each error is described in a quick-reading one-page entry that includes a brief clinical scenario and tips on how to avoid or resolve the problem. Illustrations are included where appropriate.

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Praise for the previous edition: "This comprehensive multi-authored text contains over 450 pages of highly specific and well-documented information that will be interest to physicians in private practice, academics, and in medical management. . . [Chapters are] readable, concise yet complete, and well developed. I could have used a book like this in the past, I will certainly refer to it frequently now." 4 stars Carol EH Scott-Conner, MD, PhD, MBA American College of Physician Executives Does Health 2.0 enhance or detract from traditional medical care delivery, and can private practice business models survive? How does transparent business information and reimbursement data impact the modern competitive healthcare scene? How are medical practices, clinics, and physicians evolving as a result of rapid health- and non-health-related technology change? Does transparent quality information affect the private practice ecosystem? Answering these questions and more, this newly updated and revised edition is an essential tool for doctors, nurses, and healthcare administrators; management and business consultants; accountants; and medical, dental, business, and healthcare administration graduate and doctoral students. Written in plain language using nontechnical jargon, the text presents a progressive discussion of management and operation strategies. It incorporates prose, news reports, and regulatory and academic perspectives with Health 2.0 examples, and blog and internet links, as well as charts, tables, diagrams, and Web site references, resulting in an all-encompassing resource. It integrates various medical practice business disciplines—from finance and economics to marketing to the strategic management sciences—to improve patient outcomes and achieve best practices in the healthcare administration field. With contributions by a world-class team of expert authors, the third edition covers brand-new information, including: The impact of Web 2.0 technologies on the healthcare industry Internal office controls for preventing fraud and abuse Physician compensation with pay-for-performance trend analysis Healthcare marketing, advertising, CRM, and public relations eMRs, mobile IT systems, medical devices, and cloud computing and much more!

When you are ready to implement measures to improve patient safety, this is the book to consult. Charles Vincent, one of the world's pioneers in patient safety, discusses each and every aspect clearly and compellingly. He reviews the evidence of risks and

harms to patients, and he provides practical guidance on implementing safer practices in health care. The second edition puts greater emphasis on this practical side. Examples of team based initiatives show how patient safety can be improved by changing practices, both cultural and technological, throughout whole organisations. Not only does this benefit patients; it also impacts positively on health care delivery, with consequent savings in the economy. Patient Safety has been praised as a gateway to understanding the subject. This second edition is more than that – it is a revelation of the pervading influence of health care errors, and a guide to how these can be overcome. "... The beauty of this book is that it describes the complexity of patient safety in a simple coherent way and captures the breadth of issues that encompass this fascinating field. The author provides numerous ways in which the reader can take this subject further with links to the international world of patient safety and evidence based research... One of the most difficult aspects of patient safety is that of implementation of safer practices and sustained change. Charles Vincent, through this book, provides all who read it clear examples to help with these challenges" From a review in Hospital Medicine by Dr Suzette Woodward, Director of Patient Safety. Access 'Essentials of Patient Safety – Free Online Introduction': www.wiley.com/go/vincent/patientsafety/essentials

This pocket book succinctly describes 152 errors commonly made in obstetrics and gynecology in all clinical settings and gives practical, easy-to-remember tips for avoiding these errors. Easy to read during a short rotation, the book identifies all the key pitfalls in data gathering, interpretation, and clinical decision making. Each error is described in a short, clinically relevant vignette, followed by a list of things that should always or never be done in that context and tips on how to avoid or ameliorate problems. Coverage includes all areas in obstetrics and gynecology that are tested on certification and recertification exams.

In a conversational, easy-to-read style, *Avoiding Common Errors in the Emergency Department, 2nd Edition*, discusses 365 errors commonly made in the practice of emergency medicine and gives practical, easy-to-remember tips for avoiding these pitfalls. Chapters are brief, approachable, and evidence-based, suitable for reading immediately before the start of a rotation, used for quick reference on call, or read daily over the course of one year for personal assessment and review.

Preceded by: *Errors, medicine, and the law* / Alan Merry and Alexander McCall Smith. 2001

Errors in Veterinary Anesthesia is the first book to offer a candid examination of what can go wrong when anesthetizing veterinary patients and to discuss how we can learn from mistakes. Discusses the origins of errors and how to learn from mistakes Covers common mistakes in veterinary anesthesia Provides strategies for avoiding errors in anesthetizing small and large animal patients Offers tips and tricks to implement in clinical practice Presents actual case studies discussing errors in veterinary anesthesia

Handy format makes for easy reference Clear, bulleted content puts the emphasis on quick reference Reflective activities Diagrams clearly explain difficult concepts Case studies highlight best practice

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 Textbook of Non-Medical Prescribing is an easy-to-read, comprehensive overview of the essential knowledge, key issues and skills relevant to non-medical prescribing. Now fully updated and linked to the National Prescribing Centre Single Competency Framework for non-medical prescribers, with activities to help you link your continuing professional development within the competences required as a prescriber. This practical title remains an ideal resource for all qualified health professionals to practice safe and effective non-medical prescribing. The section edition is structured around four core themes – public health, social and cultural issues, prescribing principles, and continuing professional development – which are threaded throughout the text. It also includes additional material on the importance on continuing professional development in prescribing, as well as the history and context of non-medical prescribing; ethical, legal and professional issues; effective consultations; essential pharmacology; clinical skills; prescribing for specific groups; and the role of the multidisciplinary team. Key Features: Accessible and study-friendly Each chapter has learning objectives and activities to support a deeper understanding of the theoretical knowledge base and its application to practice Case studies linking the topics to real-life scenarios Companion website at www.wiley.com/go/nuttall with a range of self-assessment questions, quizzes, numeracy exercises, case studies and weblinks. The Textbook of Non-Medical Prescribing provides support to anyone studying for a prescribing qualification or looking for a refresher on the subject.

The International Council on Medical and Care Compunetics (ICMCC) wants to emphasize the computing and networking synergies in medicine and (health)care. The term compunetics was introduced to present the union of computing and (social) networking. ICMCC wants to bring together as many aspects of medical and care compunetics as possible by forming a Global Knowledge Center. The availability of information works on both the BTB and the BTC level, as the structure will aim at both the consumers and the professionals (caregivers). Patients / consumers will be able to obtain information related to their illness or handicaps, so that they will be more knowledgeable about possible treatments and treatment alternatives. Professionals will be able to find relevant information (medical, technical, scientific) in a fast and efficient way. Industry (and more specifically SME's) will have access to technical information from a central portal. The shifting paradigm of health from reparative to preventive will enhance the necessity of consumer related information that, when efficiently obtained, can be of great economical benefit. In a world where the need for care is growing rapidly and where it is impossible to expect a growth in the number of caregivers, information is becoming more and more crucial. Not only because an informed patient is an economic benefit, but also because awareness amongst professionals about developments in their own and related fields can save enormous amounts of money. ICMCC will build a global network of professionals in medicine and care. Clinicians, pharmacologists, managers, care practitioners, patients, policy makers, IT specialists will all be represented.

b>"Engaging Patients in Healthcare is the roadmap we need to guide the creation of the healthcare system we've all dreamed about – one that truly taps the power of patient and professional wisdom... Dr. Coulter provides evidence and clear strategies to help us partner successfully with patients... With this book in hand, perhaps we can begin 'doing things with people instead of to them'." Susan Edgman-Levitan, PA, Executive Director, Stoeckle Center for Primary Care Innovation, Massachusetts General Hospital, USA "Angela Coulter provides a clear and comprehensive account of patient engagement in health care. She offers a succinct introduction and overview of the different forms of engagement drawing on research undertaken over many years. At a time when the future of the NHS is once again under debate, Coulter shows why patient engagement matters in a way that is both practical and evidence based. Policy makers and practitioners will benefit from her analysis of the challenges of securing effective engagement and the ideas she puts forward for overcoming these challenges." Chris Ham, Chief Executive of The King's Fund, London, UK "Angela Coulter has managed to de-mystify the concepts of patient engagement in health care in a readable, balanced, thought-provoking primer. Undaunted by the scope and volumes of research in eight applications of patient engagement, she cogently summarizes the evidence and provides practical examples in different health care systems. This is a "must read" for students, educators, practitioners, managers, and policy makers needing a primer or update." Annette O'Connor, Emeritus Professor University of Ottawa, Canada "Committed doyenne, Coulter writes superbly about patients as the greatest untapped resource in healthcare. At a time when health services face so many challenges across the globe, there are solutions here that need urgent attention." Professor Glyn Elwyn BA MB BCh MSc FRCGP PhDDirector of Research, Department of Primary Care and Public Health, Clinical Epidemiology IRG, Cardiff University "While politicians pay increasing obeisance to the notion of 'patient-centred care' patients often experience a service built around the needs of healthcare organisations and professionals. The challenge is to translate the often woolly rhetoric of "no decision about me without me" into practical steps that improve the quality of care, and keep it affordable as cost pressures mushroom. Those who are serious about taking on this challenge could do no better than study Dr Coulter's crisp and cogent overview of the theory, evidence and practice of patient engagement. " Jeremy Taylor, Chief Executive, National Voices This evidence-based guide provides the first comprehensive overview of patient engagement and participation in healthcare. It has been written for all those who want to understand the various ways in which patient and public engagement can contribute to better health outcomes. Angela Coulter explains the theories, models and policies at the heart of patient involvement as well as giving extensive practical examples to demonstrate the reality of involving patients. The book includes an examination of patients' roles in respect of: Improving care processes Building health literacy Selecting treatments Strengthening self-care Ensuring safer care Participating in research Training professionals Shaping services Clearly written by a leading author in the field and well illustrated with data, examples and evidence, the book includes practical descriptions of real patient engagement, together with critical review and suggestions to guide future developments. This guide also brings together an extensive body of international evidence, making it the most current and original text on the market. Engaging Patients in Healthcare is essential reading for students and professionals working and studying in public health, health care management, health services and beyond.

INTRODUCTION TO MEDICAL PRACTICE MANAGEMENT uses a unique, two-tiered approach in each unit to help students become successful managers in any medical office setting. The first chapter in each unit introduces students to the basics of medical practice management and the roles of each staff member within the healthcare facility, The second chapter of each unit covers the skills and responsibilities of the manager in relation to the topics being covered. From personnel management to compliance with regulatory agencies, students must first understand the fundamentals of managing the medical office in order to develop the expertise they need to successfully

teach staff, train new personnel, and audit procedures that occur in daily practices. Numerous examples of letters, procedural policies, and forms are included for hands-on learning. Students will also have the opportunity to practice the skills they are learning as they create their own practice with the Think Like a Manager feature at the end of each unit and the accompanying templates provided in the back of the book. Important Notice: Media content referenced within the product description or the product text may not be available in the ebook version.

Some of the most important and best lessons in a doctor's career are learnt from mistakes. However, an awareness of the common causes of medical errors and developing positive behaviours can reduce the risk of mistakes and litigation. Written for junior medical staff and consultants, and unlike any other clinical management title available, *Avoiding Errors in Adult Medicine* identifies and explains the most common errors likely to occur in an adult medicine setting - so that you won't make them. The first section in this brand new guide discusses the causes of errors in adult medicine. The second and largest section consists of case scenarios and includes expert and legal comment as well as clinical teaching points and strategies to help you engage in safer practice throughout your career. The final section discusses how to deal with complaints and the subsequent potential medico-legal consequences, helping to reduce your anxiety when dealing with the consequences of an error. Invaluable during the Foundation Years, Specialty Training and for Consultants, *Avoiding Errors in Adult Medicine* is the perfect guide to help tackle the professional and emotional challenges of life as a physician.

This collection of essays from leading figures in the field of medical law and ethics is a lasting testimony to the work of one of the most eminent scholars in the area, Professor Ken Mason. The wide-ranging contents and the standing of the contributors mean that this collection will be an invaluable resource for anyone studying or working in medical law or medical ethics.

"More than 100 scholars contributed to this carefully researched, well-organized, informative, and multi-disciplinary source on death studies. Volume 1, "The Presence of Death," examines the cultural, historical, and societal frameworks of death, such as the universal fear of death, spirituality and various religions, the legal definition of death, suicide, and capital punishment. Volume 2, "The Response to Death," covers such topics as rites and ceremonies, grief and bereavement, and legal matters after death."--"The Top 20 Reference Titles of the Year," *American Libraries*, May 2004.

Avoiding Common Prehospital Errors, will help you develop the deep understanding of common patient presentations necessary to prevent diagnostic and treatment errors and to improve outcomes. Providing effective emergency care in the field is among the most challenging tasks in medicine. You must be able to make clinically vital decisions quickly, and perform a wide range of procedures, often under volatile conditions. Written specifically for the prehospital emergency team, this essential volume in the *Avoiding Common Errors Series* combines evidence-based practice with well-earned experience and best practices opinion to help you avoid common errors of prehospital care. Look inside and discover... * Concise descriptions of each error are followed by insightful analysis of the "hows" and "whys" underlying the mistake, and clear descriptions of ways to avoid such errors in the future. * "Pearls" highlighted in the text offer quick vital tips on error avoidance based on years of clinical and field experience. * Focused content emphasizes "high impact" areas of prehospital medicine, including airway management, cardiac arrest, and respiratory and traumatic emergencies.

Showing how to identify and evaluate clinical risks that arise in primary care, this work provides sound practical advice and helpful solutions for effective clinical risk management, leading to better practice and fewer mistakes.

Reconstructing Medical Practice examines how doctors see health care and their place in it, why they remain in medicine and why they are limited in their ability to lead change in the current system. Doctors are beset by doubts and feel rejected by systems where they should be

leaders - some see their role as 'flog[ging] a derelict system to get the last breath of workability out ... for their patients'. Others simply turn away. Rigorous studies carried out at large public teaching hospitals in Australia found that doctors were reluctant to increase safety in the wider health system, despite making every effort for their 'own' patients. Doctors' self-esteem was found to be delicate due to the uncertain nature of their work; colleagues provide the support doctors need to deliver good care. However, these essential relationships and their cherished connections with patients have disadvantages: reducing doctors' ability to admit to error. On top of this, senior doctors predict a future bereft of professional values - one where medicine is 'just a job'. While the loss of professional identity introduces new risks for patients and doctors, the repercussions of the more self-serving attitudes of younger doctors are unknown. *Reconstructing Medical Practice* concludes that regulation, despite its recent proliferation, is a clumsy and limited approach to ensuring good care. It presents original and much-needed ideas for ways to rebuild the critical relationship between doctors and the system. By better valuing communicative interactions and workplace relationships, safe and satisfying medical practice can be reconstructed.

Some of the most important and best lessons in a doctor's career are learnt from mistakes. However, an awareness of the common causes of medical errors and developing positive behaviours can reduce the risk of mistakes and litigation. Written for junior paediatric staff and consultants, and unlike any other paediatric clinical management title available, *Avoiding Errors in Paediatrics* identifies and explains the most common errors likely to occur in a paediatric setting - so that you won't make them. The first section in this brand new guide discusses the causes of errors in paediatrics. The second and largest section consists of case scenarios and includes expert and legal comment as well as clinical teaching points and strategies to help you engage in safer practice throughout your career. The final section discusses how to deal with complaints and the subsequent potential medico-legal consequences, helping to reduce your anxiety when dealing with the consequences of an error. Invaluable during the Foundation Years, Specialty Training and for Consultants, *Avoiding Errors in Paediatrics* is the perfect guide to help tackle the professional and emotional challenges of life as a paediatrician.

Essential Primary Care aims to provide undergraduate students with a comprehensive overview of the clinical problems encountered in primary care. It covers the structure of primary care in the UK, disease prevention and the management of common and important clinical presentations from infancy to old age. Case studies are used in every chapter to illustrate key learning points. The book provides practical advice on how to consult with patients, make sense of their symptoms, explain things to them, and manage their problems. *Essential Primary Care*:

- Is structured in five sections: - The building blocks of primary care: its structure and connection with secondary care, the consultation, the process of making a diagnosis, prescribing, and ethical issues - Health promotion - Common and important presenting problems in roughly chronological order - Cancer - Death and palliative care
- Gives advice on how to phrase questions when consulting with patients and how to present information to patients
- Provides advice on how management extends to prescribing - often missing from current textbooks
- Contains case studies within each chapter which reflect the variety of primary care and provide top tips and advice for consulting with patients
- Supported by a companion website at www.wileyessential.com/primarycare featuring MCQs, EMQs, cases and OSCE checklists

Medical practitioners are continuing to advance their knowledge of the latest technologies in order to keep up with the opportunities for faster and more reliable treatments for patients. *Advancing Medical Practice through Technology: Applications for Healthcare Delivery, Management, and Quality* focuses on the latest medical practices through the utilization of technologies and innovative concepts. This book is an essential reference source for researchers, academics, and industry professionals interested in the latest advancements in the healthcare, biomedicine, and medical communications fields.

During the last decades, healthcare in the various industrialized countries has been deteriorating steadily. The enormous progress of medicine in the same period could only partly compensate for the loss. This book describes the deterioration of healthcare that increases continually. It analyses its causes and outlines the measures that might prevent or at least slow the change. The deterioration of healthcare, variable in different fields, progressing at different paces in the various industrialized countries, is produced mainly by two types of causes. Minor ones, resulting from lack of knowledge, or by inadequate equipment or procedures, can be corrected by relatively simple means, such as education and technical or procedural improvements. The major causes for the deterioration involve general policy whose effects are the steady decrease in monitoring health care and the change of healthcare into profit-seeking service. The data collected and its analysis is based on over 300 articles in major medical and nursing journals. It has three parts: part 1 deals with individual doctors' errors, part 2 with errors of the medical establishment, and part 3 is devoted to more theoretical and philosophical discussions concerning medical practice as a clinical science.

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Peripheral vascular disease (PVD) is common and has a significant adverse effect on the quality of life. A general practice with a list size of 6000 patients will have approximately 30 symptomatic patients with PVD.'-Anita Sharma
Peripheral vascular disease (PVD) is a commonly neglected condition and therefore often presents in an advanced stage or in a life-threatening manner. General practitioners can play a vital role by making early diagnoses, prompt referrals, and in coordinating vascular risk factor management in primary care. This book is a concise and practical guide to recognising, managing and reducing the cardiovascular risk factors in patients with PVD. Completely up-to-date, it offers clear direction for all primary care professionals. A pleasure for any busy professional to read and an excellent source and reference book for all primary care professionals. Students, nurses and registrars will be surprised with the descriptions of various pathologies simply explained, which they will seldom have noticed while working on hospital

wards.'-Dr Michael Taylor, in his Foreword `A welcome source of knowledge and information, particularly for those working in a primary care setting with the aim of improving their standards of care.'-Dr Deepak Bhatnagar, in his Foreword

Medical Negligence in Hong Kong and How to Avoid It provides essential information concerning the potential legal liabilities that medical professionals face when they treat patients. An easy-to-read reference, this book discusses landmark medical negligence case and analyzes medical malpractice specifically in the context of practicing medicine. It is divided into two parts. Part I sets the stage by giving an account of the development of negligence law in common-law jurisdictions including Hong Kong and ends with a discussion of selected medical negligence cases decided in Hong Kong courts. Part II sets out the practical issues relating to negligence law, including risk management, procedures to manage complaints and lawsuits, and alternative dispute resolution. “Written by an experienced frontline medical practitioner with a degree in law, this book provides an accessible and comprehensive overview of the procedures related to medicolegal cases in the Hong Kong SAR and includes a detailed and insightful discussion on some of the landmark Hong Kong court cases arising from accusations of medical negligence. The book is a valuable resource for healthcare professionals practicing in the SAR. I am glad to recommend it to all readers with an interest in medicine and law.” —Dr. Ko Wing Man, GBS, JP, Former Secretary for Food and Health, Hong Kong SAR “Medical negligence disputes could be resolved not only by litigation but also by other means such as mediation. There are interesting chapters in Dr. Cheong Peng Meng’s book, including one on resolving medical disputes by ADR processes. Medical practitioners and mediators will find this book helpful and invigorating.” —Ting-kuok Lu, MH, solicitor and mediator; adjunct professor, School of Law, City University of Hong Kong “The author should be praised for his efforts to collect ample local data to illustrate his viewpoints, including court cases, Medical Council cases, and alternative dispute resolutions figures. Written in a concise manner, this book offers discussions and analyses of an extensive range of the topics that can be reviewed within a short period of time.” —Dr. Danny Lee, Council Member, the Medical Council of Hong Kong

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