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Reports

Multisectoral mapping tool for child and youth mental health services and systems to strengthen the quality of care
World Health Organization
Copenhagen: WHO Regional Office for Europe; 2026. p. 87.

URL	https://www.who.int/europe/publications/i/item/WHO-EURO-2026-11519-51291-78214
Notes	The World Health Organization (WHO) Regional Office for Europe has published this toolkit aimed at improving the quality of care delivered by child and youth mental health services. The abstract reads: 'The child and youth mental health multisectoral mapping tool aims to provide a framework to map governance, financing, the workforce, services and support across multiple sectors and data collection and research for child and youth mental health. Users may adapt the tool to suit their specific context and needs. The mapping results can help identify key areas for improvement to support the mental health needs of children and adolescents. It is crucial that stakeholders from across all sectors work together to strengthen the quality of mental health support for children and adolescents, so the next generation can reach their full potential and contribute to a better society for everyone.'

Essential package of diagnostic tests for bacterial and fungal infections and antimicrobial resistance
World Health Organization
Geneva: WHO; 2026. p. 52.

Toolkit of standard operating procedures for bacteriology, mycology and antimicrobial susceptibility testing
World Health Organization
Geneva: WHO; 2026. p. 24.

URL	https://www.who.int/publications/i/item/B09666 https://www.who.int/publications/i/item/9789240126343
Notes	The WHO has also released two resources to aid nations in addressing testing gaps around antimicrobials: • *Essential package of diagnostic tests for bacterial and fungal infections and antimicrobial resistance* is a prioritized catalogue of rapid, microscopy, culture-based, serological and molecular tests mapped to the tiers of the health system, from primary care to tertiary hospitals. The resource lists the essential diagnostic tests that should be available at different healthcare levels to support 'accurate diagnosis, treatment, and surveillance of bacterial infections and antimicrobial resistance.' • *Toolkit of standard operating procedures for bacteriology, mycology and antimicrobial susceptibility testing* supports countries in strengthening clinical microbiology services through standardized, quality-assured laboratory practices. It aims to improve the diagnosis and management of bacterial and fungal infections and the surveillance of antimicrobial resistance. The toolkit provides standard operating procedures and accompanying bench reference guides covering the laboratory workflow, from specimen collection and transport to organism identification, antimicrobial and antifungal susceptibility testing, interpretation and reporting. It also addresses quality control, biosafety and equipment management.

WHO consolidated guidelines for the management of common childhood illness: management of type 1 diabetes mellitus in children and adolescents
World Health Organization
Geneva: WHO; 2026. p. 170.

Guidelines on insulin use for type 1 diabetes in adults, including in emergency and humanitarian settings
World Health Organization
Geneva: WHO; 2026. p. 125.

URL	https://www.who.int/publications/i/item/9789240126121 https://www.who.int/publications/i/item/9789240126244
Notes	The WHO has also released guidance on **type 1 diabetes**: • *WHO consolidated guidelines for the management of common childhood illness: management of type 1 diabetes mellitus in children and adolescents* 'This is the first World Health Organization (WHO) guideline addressing the management of type 1 diabetes in children and adolescents. The purpose of this guideline is to provide evidence-based recommendations for the management of type 1 diabetes in children and adolescents from a global public health perspective. It addresses key areas including diagnosis, insulin therapy, clinical monitoring and self-monitoring, and acute and chronic complication management, with attention to feasibility, equity and continuity of care. The guideline seeks to promote consistency in clinical practice and reduce disparities in care, especially in settings with limited health system capacity.' • *Guidelines on insulin use for type 1 diabetes in adults, including in emergency and humanitarian settings* 'The purpose of this guideline is to provide evidence-based recommendations on insulin use to manage type 1 diabetes in adults, applicable across a range of health system settings and contexts, including low resource, emergency and humanitarian settings. The guideline is intended to support safe, effective and feasible insulin use while promoting equity and continuity of care'

Toolkit To Improve Antibiotic Use in Telemedicine
Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality
Rockville MD: AHRQ; 2026.

URL	https://www.ahrq.gov/antibiotic-use/telemedicine/index.html
Notes	The Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality (AHRQ) in the USA has produced this toolkit that 'explains the Four Moments of Antibiotic Decision Making in Telemedicine and has tools to support their implementation and improve prescribing in three areas: developing and improving antibiotic stewardship activities in your telemedicine practice, learning strategies for communicating about antibiotic prescribing over telemedicine, and applying best practices for common infectious syndromes.'

Essential IPC considerations for clinical interventions and procedures in adult social care
UK Health Security Agency and the Department of Health & Social Care
London: 2026.

URL	https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/infection-prevention-and-control-ipc-in-adult-social-care-asc/essential-ipc-considerations-for-clinical-interventions-and-procedures-in-adult-social-care
Notes	The UK Health Security Agency and the Department of Health & Social Care have released this guidance on infection prevention and control in adult social care. The guidance 'outlines the infection prevention and control (IPC) principles for common clinical procedures and medical devices used in adult social care settings. It highlights key measures to reduce the risk of infection and support safe care, while recognising that staff should continue to follow their training, local policies, and guidance where applicable.' The Australian Commission on Safety and Quality in Health Care has recently released updated Infection Prevention and Control (IPC) resources. These resources provide IPC guidance to support implementation of the National Standards. They provide practical, evidence-based guidance to help healthcare organisations strengthen IPC programs and systems, and support frontline healthcare workers to apply effective infection prevention and control practices in everyday care. The updated resources include: • **Infection prevention and control risk assessment – Integrating the hierarchy of controls** • **Risk assessment – Use of alcohol-based hand rub in healthcare facilities** • **Implementation Guide for the Surveillance of Central Line-Associated Bloodstream Infection (CLABSI)** and **Implementation Guide for the Surveillance of *Staphylococcus aureus* Bloodstream Infection (SABSI)** • **National Infection Prevention and Control Guidance – Heater-cooler devices contaminated with non-tuberculous Mycobacterium**

Supporting alcohol and other drug recovery among Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander adults in custody and after release: Evidence brief
Tufuga E
Perth: Australian Indigenous Health*InfoNet* Alcohol and other Drugs Knowledge Centre; 2026. p. 12.

URL	https://aodknowledgecentre.ecu.edu.au/
Notes	As stated in the document, 'This brief brings together the best available evidence and practice knowledge on alcohol and other drug (AOD) recovery for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander adults in custody and after release. It considers clinical treatment and harm reduction, the arrangements needed to maintain care across release, and the role of Aboriginal leadership and culturally safe care.'

Navigating complexity: testing elements of the proposed navigator role
Oxlade T, Watt S, Fawcett K
Melbourne: Brotherhood of St Laurence; 2026. p. 36.

URL	https://www.bsl.org.au/research/publications/navigating-complexity/
Notes	Report from an evaluation of a of a pilot to test elements of a "General Navigator" role in disability care. As the report notes, 'Most Australians with disability are not National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS) participants and rely on health, employment, income support, education and community services. Navigating these fragmented systems can be complex, while supports people need may be unavailable, unaffordable or inaccessible. To address these gaps, the NDIS Review proposed navigator roles and expanded foundational supports.' The report describes the testing and evaluation of the General Navigator role and includes findings and recommendations. Navigator roles have also been proposed in other areas of health and social care.

Journal articles

"Bikini Medicine" No More—Major Medical Societies Propose New Framework for Female Heart Health
Anderer S
JAMA. 2026.

A Female-Specific Life Course Approach to the Prevention and Management of Cardiovascular Disease: A Presidential Advisory From the American Heart Association, American Academy of Pediatrics, American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists, and Society for Maternal-Fetal Medicine
Khan SS, Grobman WA, Perak AM, Angell S, Brubaker L, Cameron NA, et al.
Circulation. 2026.

DOI	Anderer https://doi.org/10.1001/jama.2026.24772 Khan et al https://doi.org/10.1161/CIR.0000000000001483
Notes	Issues around gendered health care, inequities and "medical misogyny" have been increasingly recognised. This paper reports on the release of guidance for preserving women's cardiovascular health by four major US medical societies: the American Heart Association, the American Academy of Pediatrics, the American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists, and the Society for Maternal-Fetal Medicine.

Toward a Healthier Future Through Obesity Prevention and Care: The JAMA Summit Report on Obesity
Cappola AR, Angus DC, Ahima RS, Aronne LJ, Bibbins-Domingo K, Dawson L, et al
JAMA. 2026.

DOI	https://doi.org/10.1001/jama.2026.19759
Notes	The authors of this piece note that 'Obesity is one of the most difficult challenges of the modern era, affecting more than 1 billion people worldwide.' It is also observed that 'The emergence of effective obesity management medications offers a significant opportunity to curb the prevalence of obesity. However, no single intervention will be enough. Sustained improvement will require addressing the underlying structural and environmental drivers of obesity, along with person-centered, multilevel strategies that simultaneously improve prevention, reduce stigma, and expand equitable access to evidence-based treatment. Coordinated action across government, health care systems, clinicians, payers, industry, schools, communities, and researchers will be essential to achieving long-term improvement.' The piece online includes videos from the JAMA Summit on Obesity.

From evidence to practice: a standardised mixed-methods approach to developing a patient decision aid for endometriosis
Ramos-Masdeu L, Rabal G, Daina G, Benítez D, Pastells R, Carmona F, et al
BMC Medical Informatics and Decision Making. 2026.

DOI	https://doi.org/10.1186/s12911-026-03967-3
Notes	Article reporting on the development of digital patient decision aid (PtDA)for endometriosis in Spain. The authors state 'This study presents a standardised methodology for developing PtDAs, initially applied to women with endometriosis in Catalonia, Spain. The resulting bilingual [Spanish and English] web-based PtDA covers a broad range of treatment options, is written in plain language to enhance accessibility, and offers a reproducible framework that systematises patient participation and supports shared decision-making in patient-centred care.'

Estimating dementia prevalence and incidence among Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people in Australia: A systematic review
Freund M, Lowe M, McGhie A, Garvey G, Eades S, Bryant J
Australian and New Zealand Journal of Public Health. 2026;50(6):100614.

DOI	https://doi.org/10.1016/j.anzjph.2026.100614
Notes	Article reporting on a study that sought 'identify and synthesise evidence on the prevalence of dementia and cognitive impairment among Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples'. Based on ten studies, the authors conclude that 'Research on dementia prevalence among Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples is limited. Evidence suggests higher prevalence among Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples than among non-Indigenous Australians; however, methodological limitations may impact the accuracy and generalisability of estimates.'

Medical Imaging and Pediatric and Adolescent Brain Tumor Risk
Miglioretti DL, Alber SA, Kwan ML, Pequeno P, Bowles EJA, Greenlee RT, et al
JAMA. 2026.

DOI	https://doi.org/10.1001/jama.2026.20441
Notes	Article reporting on a retrospective cohort study of 3 704 860 children followed up from birth in the United States and Canada that sought to ascertain whether 'Among children and adolescents, is cumulative ionizing radiation exposure to the brain from medical imaging associated with increased risk of brain tumors?'The authors report that in this cohort, '536 brain tumors were diagnosed'.. Further, 'Brain tumor risk increased with higher cumulative radiation dose to the brain, with a statistically significant dose-response association overall and a stronger association for tumors with aggressive histologies.' They conclude that 'These findings support careful clinical justification and dose minimization when pediatric imaging using ionizing radiation is indicated.'

How Do Sexual and Gender Minority Populations Experience the Diagnostic Process in Primary and Emergency Care: An Integrative Systematic Review
Dahm MR, Wells C, Giardina TD, Coopes A, Papanagnou D, Dukhanin V
Journal of General Internal Medicine. 2026.

DOI	https://doi.org/10.1007/s11606-026-10952-z
Notes	Paper reporting on a systematic review that sought to 'examine how SGM [Sexual and gender minority] patients, their care partners, and healthcare providers experience the diagnostic process in primary and emergency care and how provider communication shapes these experiences.' Focussing on 43 studies, the authors report 'Diagnostic experiences were shaped by structural barriers, provider competency, and healthcare interactions. Providers' affirming communication and SGM-specific knowledge

	supported trust, identity disclosure, appropriate care, and diagnostic safety, whereas non-affirming communication, cisheteronormativity, provider bias, and knowledge gaps contributed to avoidance or refusal of care, missed screening, and diagnostic delays.'

The Joint Commission Journal on Quality and Patient Safety
Volume 52, Issue 12, December 2026

URL	https://www.sciencedirect.com/journal/the-joint-commission-journal-on-quality-and-patient-safety/vol/52/issue/12
Notes	A new issue of *The Joint Commission Journal on Quality and Patient Safety* has been published. Articles in this issue of *The Joint Commission Journal on Quality and Patient Safety* include: • Providing **Equitable Care for Patients with Disabilities**: Current State, System Gaps, and Improvement Priorities (Jennifer Arnold, Amy J Houtrow, Richard Rader, Holly E Brown, Matthew P Janicki, David A Ervin) • Priorities, Approaches, and Performance for **Outpatient Antithrombotic Stewardship**: The ADAPT Project (Cassiopeia Frank, Tara Lech, Arthur Allen, Darren Triller) • A Statewide Collaborative to Improve **Timely Mental Health Follow-up** for Medicaid Patients After Hospitalization (Daniel E Jonas, Hilja Ruegg, Christina Watson, Katherine Brownlowe, A Gusovsky Chevalier, B Martin, M Unger, C Cornell, A Seidel, B Rubin, M C Borovicka, D Cassavar, W D Hayes) • Prospective Failure Mode and Effects Analysis to Support **Implementation Readiness** for a New Hyperbaric Oxygen Therapy Service (Loay Zaknoun, Moshe Kulikovsky, Einav Atzmona Rosh, Mazal Ben Hayoun, Salman Zarka) • **Penicillin Allergy Evaluation Pathway** in a Community-Based Obstetric Setting: A Quality Improvement Study (Fadi B Yahya, Mansi J Kanuga, Dayne H Voelker, Stacy L Judd, Candice R Stier) • **Decreasing Length of Stay** in Elective Neurosurgery: Success of a Quality Improvement Initiative (Stavros Matsoukas, Teleale F Gebeyehu, Jessica Canosa, Elizabeth Chiodi, Hekmat Zarzour, James S Harrop, R F Schmidt) • Impact of a Centralized Quality Improvement Initiative on **Repeat Blood Pressure Measurement** at an Academic Medical Center (Kayla Murphy, Caleb J Hood, Karunakara Dirisala, J Voit, R Vigen, M E Bowen, P Bajaj) • **Workplace Violence Prevention Program** Targeting Patients at Risk of Violence in Nonpsychiatric Inpatient Units: A Prospective Interventional Study (Son Chae Kim, Christina Vejnovich, Lyndsi Hall, Shelley Hultman) • Using SMS Texting for **Adverse Drug Reaction Surveillance**: Evaluation of New Medication Prescriptions in Primary Care (Tewodros Eguale, Alejandra Salazar, Maria Mirica, Pamela Garabedian, Lynn A Volk, Heather M Hussey, S Shah, A B Landman, A F S Mohamed, R Kandikatla, A Wright, G D Schiff) • Assessing the Relationship Between **Emergency Department Boarding and Inpatient Unit Occupancy** in Psychiatry (Jack J Huang, Nicole M Benson, Amin Yakubu, Boyu Ren, Alisa Busch) • **Direct to Radiology Emergency Avoidance Management (DREAM)**: A Quality Improvement Research Study on Reducing Emergency Department Overcrowding (Behroze Adi Vachha, Evan Ruppell, Kevin Reynolds, Rebecca Mahoney, Bruce Weinstein, Max P Rosen, Steven Baccei) • Formative Perceptions on Structured Transfer Escalation: Proactive and Unified Process (STEP-UP) for **Inter-ICU Transfers of Acute Respiratory**

	Failure Patients in a Large Health System (Chuanfen Ni, Sophie Yao, Kelli Scott, Jacqueline M Kruser, Reiping Huang, Jane L Holl, Meeta P Kerlin, S Mehrotra, S Russell, J P Huml, L Shamsuddin, B Hashem, C Cruz, N R Nadig) • **Transparency as a Catalyst** for High-Quality Healthcare in Brazil (Sabrina Bernardez-Pereira, Paula Tuma, Daniel Tavares Malheiro, J Matthew Austin) • Association Between **CMS Hospital Star Ratings and Medicare Payment Adjustments** Across Value-Based Programs (Samuel J Flanders)

Nursing Leadership
Volume 39, Number 2, October 2026

URL	https://www.longwoods.com/publications/nursing-leadership/27972/
Notes	A new issue of *Nursing Leadership* has been published with a theme of 'Stronger Together - Moving Forward with Courage and Conviction'. Articles in this issue of *Nursing Leadership* include: • Editorial: Stronger Together - **Moving Forward with Courage and Conviction** (Ruth Martin-Meisener) • The **Power of Nurses to Transform Health**: From Caring for Canadians to Shaping Canada's Future (Valerie Grdisa) • A Structured **Professional Integration and Clinical Readiness Program for Internationally Educated Nurses** in Nova Scotia: A Dual-Stream Model (Barbara Blays and Nancy Cashen) • Keep Calm and Vibe On: Why **Every Nurse Can Be an Innovator With AI** (Gillian Strudwick, Tracie Risling, Zayna Khayat and Samir C Grover) • The Erosion of **Clinician Scientists** in Healthcare: Institutional Barriers and the Future of Health Research (Angela Russolillo and Michelle Carter) • Resilience Is Not a Compliment: The Structural Cost of Leadership for **Marginalized Nurses** (Eunice K Assem-Erhaze) • Improving **Transfer of Care From Police to Mental Health Emergency Services** for Patients Brought to Hospital Under the Mental Health Act (Rachel Lodge, Stephanie Lucchese, Celine Ramlochan, Ashley Robinson, Nicole Kirwan and Daniela Bellicoso) • Evaluating the **Registered Nurse Prescribing Role** in Nova Scotia: A Quality Improvement Study Using the Donabedian Model (Melanie Dunlop, Ruth Martin-Misener, Sohani Welcher, Cathy Ann Casault, Nancy Cashen, Jennifer MacDougall, Cindy MacQuarrie, Audrey Steenbeek and Thien Trang) • Leaders' Experiences With **Resident-to-Resident Aggression in Long-Term Care**: A Qualitative Scoping Review (Pamela Baxter, Tasnia Noshin, Jennifer Mullan, Meena Ramachandran, Elisavet Zacharides, Natalie Poret, Sonia Udod, Maura MacPhee, Michelle Greenway, Samantha Horvath, Jessica Ackerman, Nabina Sharma and Natalie Meisenburg) • **Orthopaedic Care Clinical Coach**: Strengthening Postoperative Hip Fracture Care While Building Leadership Capacity (Le Giuseppe Faldas, Anika Andal, Wendy Campbell and Sara Hoondert)

BMJ Open Quality
Volume 15, Issue 4, October 2026

URL	https://bmjopenquality.bmj.com/content/15/4
Notes	A new issue of *BMJ Open Quality* has been published. Articles in this issue of *BMJ Open Quality* include:

	• Spread, scale-up and sustainment of **patient safety practices in routine care**: development of the Implement it! Programme (Miriam Hartveit, Stig Harthug, Nick Sevdalis, John Ovretveit, Eirik Søfteland, Aslak Bjarne Aslaksen, S Høye, B Aasen, P Thornam, S L Olsen, M J T Hansen, J T Ohlsen, H V Wæhle) • Validation of a nationwide **clinical quality registry**: the Dutch Upper Gastrointestinal Cancer Audit (Lars van de Sanden, Mark M J Nielen, Grard A P Nieuwenhuijzen, Sjoerd M Lagarde, Bas P L Wijnhoven, Misha D P Luyer) • Assessment of the frequency of treatment-related complications: a patient-reported study on lifetime **dental errors** (Fatemeh Aligholipour, Mohamad Javad Kharazifard, Mahdieh-Sadat Moosavi) • Identifying **patient-reported and clinician-reported outcome measures** to compare providers of arthroscopic rotator cuff repair: insights obtained from a Swiss multicentre cohort study (Werner Vach, A Lädermann, M A Zumstein, G Cunningham, B Jost, T Stojanov, M Jakob, A M Mueller, L Audigé) • **Using Blood Wisely**: 5 years of progress in recognising and engaging hospitals in national RBC transfusion quality improvement (Matthew Ahn, Doreen Day, Wendy Levinson, Tai Huynh, Jeremy Grimshaw, Yulia Lin) • Examining the relationship between **hospital accreditation and patient satisfaction** within Saudi Ministry of Health hospitals (Sarah S Monshi, Eman D El Desouky, Turky J Arbaein, Hatoon M Alamri, Mohammed S Aldossary) • Strengthening **hospital resuscitation systems** through participatory action research: a multifaceted quality improvement initiative at a tertiary academic hospital (Muhammad Faisal Khan, Omer Shafiq, Amber Sabeen Ahmed, Sana Hirani, Tahir Munir, Nazish Khowaja, Asad Latif) • Understanding stakeholder perceptions of the implementation and development of an emerging **advanced nursing role in cancer care**: a Swedish concept mapping study (Ellen Brynskog, Maria Larsson, Mikael Holtenman, Kaisa Bjuresäter, Frida Smith) • Qualitative clinician feedback on a **systematic urinary incontinence screening** and patient education intervention in primary care (Tiffany Brown, Clare Petrie, Sarah A Collins, Julia Geynisman-Tan, Kimberly Kenton, Lucia C Petito, Gina Syed, Stephen D Persell) • Escape, Relearn and Retain: using escape rooms as a simulation based quality improvement project to reinforce **Pediatric Advanced Life Support** retention at a teaching hospital (Hina Mumtaz Hashmi, Naveed Rehman, Safina Shakeel Ali, Selina Hasan, Iqra Navroz) • Development of an implementation package for **asthma medication optimisation in the emergency department** (AMEND): an evidence, theory and person-based approach (Imogen Skene, Ben Bloom, Jasmin Bassi, Anna De Simoni, Katy Pike, Chris Griffiths, Paul E Pfeffer, Liz Steed) • Validation of the PREM-MSZ resulting in the PREM-Q8: a generic **patient-reported experience measure for outpatient care** (Marloes Hendrina Paulina ter Stege, Kim Phi Luong, Harm Pieter Slijper, Ruud W Selles) • Feeling better informed and more confident to **speak up in the operating room**: team effects of a structured intraoperative briefing intervention – a before-after study (Franziska Tschan, Eliane Timm-Holzer, Sandra Keller, Jasmin Zimmermann, Norbert K Semmer, S A Huber, M Hübner, S Wrann, S Gutknecht, G A Prevost, D Candinas, N Demartines, M Weber, G Beldi) • Navigating the transition to **digital transfusion safety** in a resource-limited setting: a prospective implementation study and operational workflow analysis

	(Ninnate Junta, Ronnarit Boonyarat, Chalawan Butryojantho, Chintana Puapairoj, Kriangsak Jenwitheesuk, Nattawut Taebunpakul, C Chueyjundee) • Evaluating the quality and safety of a **nurse practitioner-led virtual clinic** for secondary prevention in stable coronary artery disease: a pilot feasibility study (Anwar Abdi, Holly Rector, Vivian Hung, Shadi Akhtari) • Sustaining **accurate penicillin allergy labels** through electronic health record interoperability: a cross-sectional observational follow-up study 3 years after initial penicillin allergy evaluation (Marie Bjørbak Alnæs, Ann Kristine Hammerstad, Benedicte Garfors, Oddvar Oppegaard, B R Kittang, T Storaas) • Exploring the role of Human Factors and Ergonomics in supporting **safe insulin dispensing in community pharmacy**: a pilot webinar-based training intervention (Angela Carrington, Helen Vosper, Paul Bowie) • My care board: a **multicomponent bedside communication board** to reduce delirium in orthopaedic inpatients – a quality improvement study (Shannon Gui, Yuki Lai, Christina Reppas-Rindlisbacher, Yasmin Khalili, A Curkovic, J Y Lee, D Cowan, K Adduono, C Patterson, E K C Wong) • Improving the delivered dose achievement rate in **continuous renal replacement therapy**: a quality improvement project (Peiye Cao, Haiyan Zhang, Li Zuo, Na Chen, Xuan Wu, Huiming Du, Lei Wang, J Leeman) • **Reducing breakthrough pain during labour analgesia**: a quality improvement project using PDSA cycles (Chunping Li, Jing Wang, Jianping Zhang, Wang Guijuan, Yong Tang) • Quality improvement initiative to reduce **nitrous oxide waste** in a Brazilian quaternary hospital (Petrick Marcellus Victorio Mendonça Davoglio, Ayrton Bentes Teixeira, Giulia Frade Martins, Daniel Sousa Cesar, A Gibertoni Junior, P A Surita Sampaio, M Ferreira Moura, S Vernal, E H Pereira de Almeida) • Performance improvement project for healthcare professionals in outpatient cardiology using rapid-cycle deliberate practice in **cardiac arrest simulations** (Rose H Fjeld) • Implementing an integrated inpatient–community rehabilitation pathway for adults hospitalised with **acute exacerbations of COPD**: a quality improvement study (Peter Beshara, Clare Chung, Simon Miller, E Mackinlay) • Advancing patient care: innovations and enhancements in **massive haemorrhage response and treatment** at the Royal Victoria Regional Health Centre (Amanda Marrone, Shannon Buck, Brittany Gillard, A-M Leitner) • Point of care quality improvement as a response to **neonatal audit**: a case study from a tertiary NICU (Windhi Kresnawati, Yenny K Santosoadmodjo, Y Purnama, B M Syahrizal, A C Silitonga, N Bethesda Sinaga, A Kaptiningsih) • Implementing a nurse-led care bundle to reduce **indwelling pleural catheter-related complications**: a quality improvement project (Wai Kit Lee, Marnie Tamayo Gutierrez, Kah Yee Tham, Aza Abdulmawjood Taha, Imran M Noor, S Hui, B G Low, J M K Koh, T R Tay, R Alsuwaigh, M H Tun, W M Chew) • **Optimising musculoskeletal patient flow** through digital triage and supported self-management within a Primary Care Network (Kevin Tucker, Kimberley Wheatley, Roanna Burgess) • Weaning with meaning: **optimising respiratory support de-escalation** to improve outcomes in critically ill children with bronchiolitis (Craig Pymento, Katherine Taylor, Mark Riccioni, Bridgette Nava, M Keilman, C Erikson) • Implementing **systematic distress screening** in veteran oncology care: a quality improvement initiative (Marissa C Kuo, Colleen M Kiernan)

	• Improving the **appropriateness of observations on a London Acute Mental Health Unit** (Luke Coltman) • **Proactive Opportunities for Advance Care Planning (PRO-ACP)**: improving advance care planning completion among hospitalised internal medicine patients with life-limiting illness (Shin Yee Tang, Shaikh Abdul Matin Mattar, Hui Ru Lai, Jamie Seow Joo Lim, Tharmmambal Balakrishnan, G Lee) • **Failed quality improvement project** to improve adherence to CAM-ICU and RASS documentation in a tertiary intensive care unit: a cautionary tale (Yu Shen Chong, Anna Batho, Annalisa Miller, Veronica Marsh) • Improving quality outcomes through a **hospitalist driven malignant haematology service** (Neha Verma, Enas Abdallah, Khaled M AlKhawaldeh, Grace K Lee, Steven Benyahia, S Misbahuddin, A Tummala, H Thakkar, A H Hines, R R Reich, J Lochner, L Isenalumhe, J E Lancet, B Segal, T Hembree) • Buckinghamshire CAMHS **neurodevelopmental assessment pathway** transformation: a quality improvement project (S Bhogal, C R Fava, S Jung) • **Improving patient flow in inpatient mental health wards** at Central and North West London NHS Foundation Trust (CNWL) (Peter Toohey, Isaac Obeng, Geetika Singh, Alison Butler, Mehtab Rahman, Gareth Jarvis) • Improving **surgical antimicrobial prophylaxis** in patients with a penicillin allergy label: a quality improvement study (Byron M Rudman, Olga Horn, Olivia Lamont, Niall Conlon, Salma Alamin, Jonathan McGrath, Sadhbh O'Rourke, Maebh Kelleher, N Fanning, A Cafferkey, R Naughton, S Keane) • Addressing **administrative burden in family medicine**: a local quality improvement initiative (Madura Sundareswaran, Max Moloney) • **Improving sleep duration in NICU graduates**: a quality improvement initiative (Ramesh Choudhary, Chetan Meena, Vivek K Athwani, S Gothwal) • Transforming **musculoskeletal injury management** using Virtual Bones: a novel digital solution (Mohamed A Mansour, Ali Al-Kulabi, Minaam Abbas, Layth Qaraqe, Sade Uwaoma, Ahmad Al-Sukaini, Lora Young, Sue Deakin) • Financial incentive architecture and **patient safety in for-profit hospitals**: a narrative review and systems framework (Anup R Warrier, J Antony) • **Continuous AI-enabled patient-safety monitoring**: a scoping review and operational framework for healthcare organisations (Yair Edden, Sharon A Beni, Amit Gutkind) • Same problem, different names? A comparative scoping review of drivers of **healthcare waste** (Manela Karunadasa-Visama, Janet Tapkigen, M Koivusalo) • Under-utilisation of demographic and social variables in the analysis of **postoperative opioid use after lumbar fusion**: a rapid review (Evan James Schrader, Bradley Q Fox, Ian P Halliday, Devika A Shenoy, Elizabeth Chan, Brett Rocos, Steph Hendren, Anthony A Catanzano) • **Clinical audit as a catalyst** for quality improvement in healthcare systems: strategic insights from a systematic review and SWOT–TOWS analysis (Ansif Pallath Majeed, Niyaz Panakaje, Shajitha Thekke Veettil, Kiran Harikumar, Saurav Sathish Kumta, Hanan Al Mujalli, S Khan, A A Shah, N J Alkubaisi)

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Notes	A new issue of *Healthcare Quarterly* has been published. This is a special issue with a theme of '**Improving equity in access to palliative care**'. Articles in this issue of *Healthcare Quarterly* include: • Improving Equity in Access to **Palliative Care for Communities Experiencing Homelessness or Vulnerable Housing** (Improving Equity in Access to Palliative Care Program Delivery Team) • Bridging the Gap: Why Lived Experience Is Essential in **Palliative Care for the Unhoused** (Julie Diner) • Engaging in a Relational Approach: Addressing Inequities in Access to **Palliative Care for Indigenous Peoples** (Holly Prince) • **Grief and Bereavement in the Context of Homelessness**: Sharing Experiences and Learnings From British Columbia (Joshua Black, Stephanie Laing, Rachel Carter, Sherry Landry, John R. Graham and Eman Hassan) • Reflections on **Innovative Models of Palliative Care Delivery** (Seana Bulle and Naheed Dosani) • The Power of the Collective: **Lessons Learned From Pan-Canadian Efforts to Improve Access to More Equitable Palliative Care** (Improving Equity in Access to Palliative Care Program Delivery Team) • Many Paths, Walking Together: Honouring Collective Reflections in **Indigenous-Centred Palliative Care** in Canada (Natasha Caverley) • What Leaders Need to Know About the **Design and Delivery of Equity-Oriented Palliative Care** (Kelli I Stajduhar) • Reflections From Our Collaborative Journey: A **Collective Vision for Palliative Care in Canada** (Improving Equity in Access to Palliative Care Program Delivery Team)

International Journal for Quality in Health Care online first articles

URL	https://academic.oup.com/intqhc/advance-articles
Notes	*International Journal for Quality in Health Care* has published a number of 'online first' articles, including: • Is AI the Next Frontier for Quality Management Systems for **Medical Devices**? (Diego Augusto de Jesus Pacheco) • Systemwide Quality Improvement Strategy to Reduce **Nitrous Oxide Environmental Emissions** in a Brazilian Health Network (Leopoldo Muniz da Silva et al) • Reassessing Albumin-Based Delay of **Diabetic Foot Ulcer Surgery**: A Target Trial Emulation of a Low-Value Clinical Practice (Terry Hao-Yu Qin et al) • The Effect of Device Type on Completion of a **Primary Care Patient Experience Measure** (William T Leach et al) • **Hospital malpractice risk** beyond claims data: an evidence-informed framework of institutional determinants of quality and patient safety (Gianmarco Sirago et al)

Online resources

Residential Aged Care Communiqué

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https://www.thecommuniques.com/post/residential-aged-care-communiqu%C3%A9-volume-21-issue-4-november-2026
This issue of *Residential Aged Care Communiqué* examines 'the clinical challenges of diagnosing and managing **pressure injuries**'. Two cases are presented, the first case 'explores the familiar technical clinical aspects of managing pressure injuries and the second introduces the concept of terminal ulcers.'

The Commission's 2020 factsheet NSQHS Standards - Preventing pressure injuries and wound management is available at https://www.safetyandquality.gov.au/resources/nsqhs-standards-preventing-pressure-injuries-and-wound-management

Australian Living Evidence Collaboration

https://livingevidence.org.au/

Guidance

A number of guidelines or guidance have recently been published or updated These include:

- American College of Cardiology, *Optimizing Blood Pressure Care in **Patients With Resistant Hypertension**: 2026 ACC Expert Consensus Decision Pathway.*
  https://www.jacc.org/doi/10.1016/j.jacc.2026.08.028

[UK] NICE Guidelines and Quality Standards

https://www.nice.org.uk/guidance
The UK's National Institute for Health and Care Excellence (NICE) has published new (or updated) guidelines and quality standards The latest reviews or updates include:

- NICE Guideline NG87 ***Attention deficit hyperactivity disorder**: diagnosis and management*
  https://www.nice.org.uk/guidance/ng87

Infection prevention and control resources

The Australian Commission on Safety and Quality in Health Care has developed a number of resources to assist healthcare organisations, facilities and clinicians These resources include:

- ***Standard and transmission-based precautions***
  https://www.safetyandquality.gov.au/clinical-topics/infection-prevention-and-control/standard-and-transmission-based-precautions

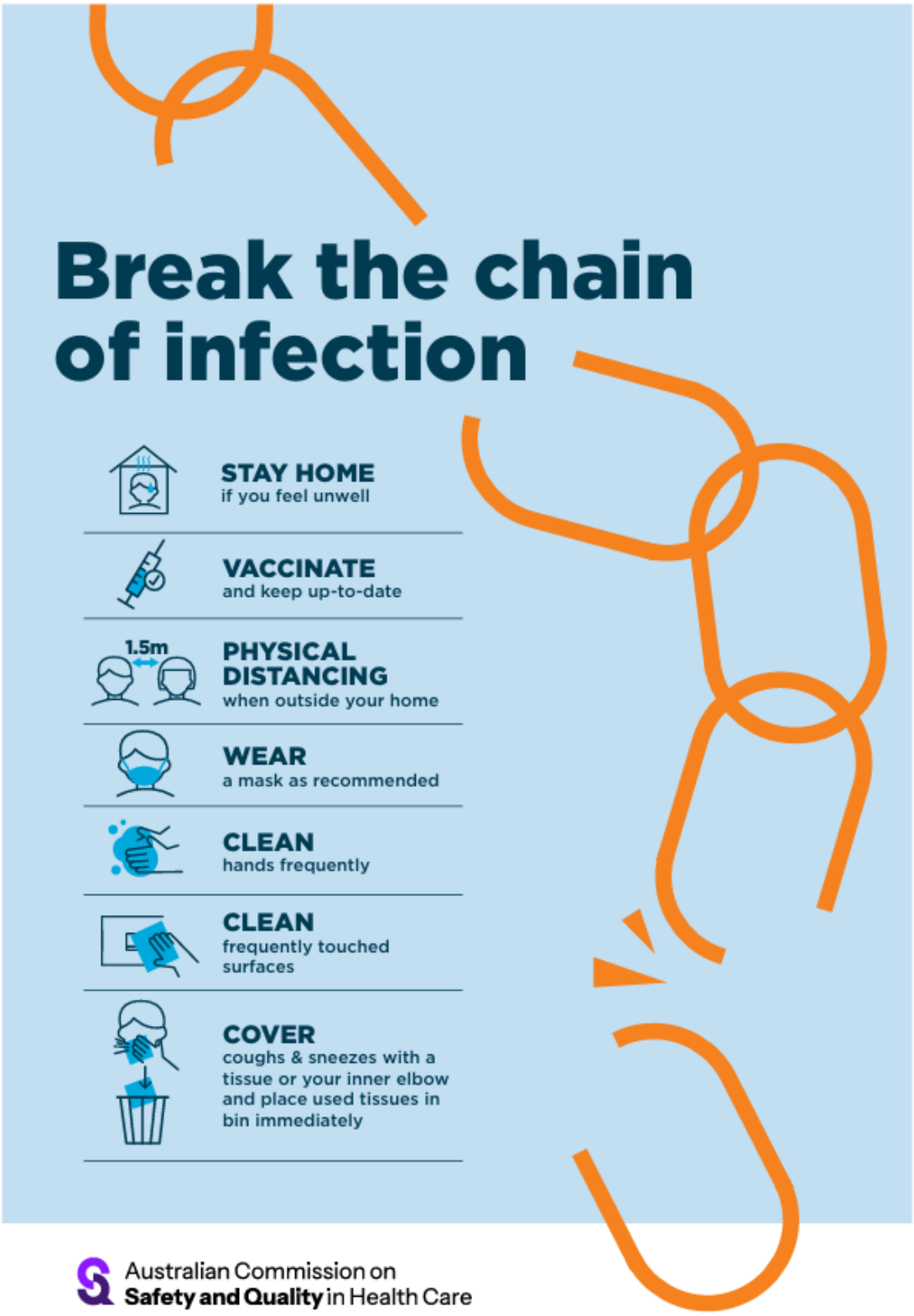
- ***Poster – Combined contact and droplet precautions***
  https://www.safetyandquality.gov.au/publications-and-resources/resource-library/infection-prevention-and-control-poster-combined-contact-and-droplet-precautions



- ***Poster – Combined airborne and contact precautions*** https://www.safetyandquality.gov.au/publications-and-resources/resource-library/infection-prevention-and-control-poster-combined-airborne-and-contact-precautions



- ***Aged Care standard and transmission-based precautions posters*** – https://www.safetyandquality.gov.au/clinical-topics/aged-care-and-older-people#standard-and-transmission-based-precautions-in-aged-care-
- ***Break the chain of infection poster*** https://www.safetyandquality.gov.au/publications-and-resources/resource-library/break-chain-infection-poster



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