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Not sure where to start with your clinical audit? Would you like to know how to perform the perfect clinical audit? Clinical audit is well recognised as a fundamental requirement to maintain high standards of clinical excellence within healthcare. It is therefore important that doctors have a clear understanding of what exactly clinical audit is, how to conduct effective clinical audit and how the results contribute to clinical excellence. ‘Clinical Audit for Doctors’ has been written by doctors for medical students and doctors of all grades. It provides step-by-step guidance through the entire clinical audit process, from initial conception to the completion of the clinical audit loop. Through following the advice and guidance laid down in this clear and concise guide readers will: Learn how involvement in clinical audit can advance your career Understand the context clinical audit plays in maintaining clinical excellence as part of clinical governance Become clear on how to gain involvement in clinical audit Learn how to design, conduct, analyse and present your clinical audit Includes step-by-step instructions on how to design and perform effective clinical audit This engaging and easy to use book will provide you with the knowledge and skills required to become involved with and conduct effective clinical excellence, and forms an essential aid for medical practitioners of all levels wishing to implement effective clinical audit.

Clinical Governance: A Guide to Implementation for Healthcare Professionals, 3rd edition provides a comprehensive overview of what is meant by clinical governance and how it can be implemented in practice. It explores the evolution of clinical governance, its key components, legal implications, the barriers to implementing it, and its impact. Clinical Governance 3rd edition provides step-by-step practical advice, facilitating better understanding of the key principles of clinical governance. This third edition has been fully updated throughout to incorporate a more integrated approach to achieving clinical governance, with an additional chapter on education and training. Each chapter includes reflective questions, activities and case studies taken from clinical practice as well as a full list of references and further reading. *3rd edition of a successful text on clinical governance * Each chapter includes reflective questions, activities and case studies taken from clinical practice as well as a full list of references and further reading. * Provides step-by-step practical advice, facilitating better understanding of the key principles of clinical governance.

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Principles for best practice in clinical audit / [by the] National Institute for Clinical Excellence.

Clinical audit is at the heart of clinical governance. It provides the mechanisms for reviewing the quality of everyday care provided to patients with common conditions like asthma or diabetes and builds on a long history of doctors, nurses and other healthcare professionals reviewing case notes and seeking ways to serve their patients better. The clinical audit also addresses the quality issues systematically and explicitly, providing reliable information, and can confirm the quality of clinical services and highlight the need for improvement. This text provides clear statements of principle about clinical audit in the NHS, and reviews the literature concerned with the development of audit over recent years. The book is accompanied by a CD-ROM which provides HTML links to details of articles relating to audit and reviews of audit plus the text of the book in both HTML and PDF format. Ask at the Issue Desk for details of how to access the CD-ROM.


This book is the third edition of a highly successful book in the Oxford General Practice Series. The aim is to provide practical guidance to get you to the point where you will be able to complete and publish a research project of your own. In this respect the book is intended as a basic research primer. The book is organised to follow the research process, from the initial formulation of a researchable question, through the process of deciding on a plan (the design), choosing a sample, and devising appropriate measurement instruments, to the data analysis and final writing up of the project. The book is appropriate for individuals planning research and groups. The text has been extensively revised, in part as a response to the increasingly important part played by computers in research. But also research techniques are in a constant state of development so it was opportune to update sections on research design and statistics. The last chapter on audit has now been placed in the context of clinical governance. From reviews from first edition: Practical, comprehensive, readable...better than the competition; well worth getting (like the rest of the series).


This book enables healthcare professionals to make clinical governance a reality at all levels of a health care organisation. It covers techniques and approaches to support the successful implementation of Clinical Governance, including evidence-based practice, integrated care pathways, clinical risk management and other essential skills such as project management, writing a strategy and facilitating groups. Each chapter is supported with examples of how the theory works in practice.

Book chapters available electronically (accessible with your Homerton Athens username)

Chapter: Evidence Utilisation: Clinical Audit
Authors: Pearson, Alan, Field, John, Jordan, Zoe
Source: Evidence-Based Clinical Practice in Nursing and Health Care: Assimilating research, experience and expertise (1st Edition)
Publisher: Wiley-Blackwell, 2007
Link to the Ovid Full Text or citation:
http://ovidsp.ovid.com/ovidweb.cgi?T=JS&CSC=Y&NEWS=N&PAGE=booktext&D=books1&AN=01435146/1s_t_Edition/3

Chapter: Audit
Editors: Collier, Judith, Longmore, Murray, Brinsden, Mark
Source: Oxford Handbook of Clinical Specialties (7th Edition)
Publisher: Oxford University Press, 2006
Link to the Ovid Full Text or citation:

Chapter: The Relationship Between Clinical Audit and Research
Editors: Roe, Brenda, Webb, Christine
Source: Research and Development in Clinical Nursing Practice (1st Edition)
Publisher: Wiley-Blackwell, 1998
Journal Articles (accessible with your Homerton Athens username)

**Title:** Spiral in to control.
**Citation:** Occupational Health, 01 February 2011, vol./is. 63/2(18-19), 00297917
**Author(s):** Williams, Sian
**Abstract:** The article emphasizes the relevance of the clinical audit process to occupational health practice in Great Britain. It traces the history of clinical audit, along with the benefits of auditing to clinical practice. An overview of the guidance on developing an audit project, issued by Healthcare Quality Improvement Partnership (HQIP), is presented. The author notes that the national clinical audit process demonstrates a commitment to quality improvement.

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**Title:** Building a safety and improvement culture in primary care.
**Citation:** Practice Nurse, 05 November 2010, vol./is. 40/8(38-40), 09536612
**Author(s):** Bowie, Paul
**Abstract:** The article discusses the nature of safety risks in primary care and human factors that can affect patients' safety. Several strategies that are used in primary care to mitigate risk, improve clinical effectiveness and enhance safety include the Quality and Outcomes Framework, risk management, continuing professional development (CPD) and appraisal, clinical audit and significant event analysis (SEA). The primary care workforce are advised to acknowledge the nature of the safety problem.

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**Title:** Seven steps to an effective clinical audit.
**Citation:** Pulse, 27 October 2010, vol./is. 70/32(30-30), 00486000
**Author(s):** Goode, Tim
**Abstract:** The article offers tips on how to make an effective clinical audit. It suggests the development of criteria for the goals and objectives needed to achieve before starting the auditing process. It also recommends the selection of appropriate type of audit process. Moreover, it emphasizes the importance of involving the clinical practice team or other general practitioners (GPs) in the early stage of the process by holding a meeting.

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**Title:** Clinical audit: shining a light on good practice.
**Citation:** Nursing Management - UK, 01 July 2010, vol./is. 17/4(30-33), 13545760
**Author(s):** Grainger, Angela
**Abstract:** Healthcare organisations undertake quality assurance to produce safe and effective patient care systems. Statutory quality assurance requirements are met through external reviews, monitoring and inspection processes, and each NHS trust must produce a corporate annual quality account. However, this can result in approaching audits as if they are ‘tick-box activities’. This article discusses how organisations can avoid this trap by applying audit results to practice.

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**Title:** Achieving quality assurance through clinical audit.
**Citation:** Nursing Management - UK, 01 June 2010, vol./is. 17/3(28-35), 13545760
**Author(s):** Patel, Seraphim
**Abstract:** Audit is a crucial component of improvements to the quality of patient care. Clinical audits are undertaken to help ensure that patients can be given safe, reliable and dignified care, and to encourage them to self-direct their recovery. Such audits are undertaken also to help reduce lengths of patient stay in
hospital, readmission rates and delays in discharge. This article describes the stages of clinical audit and the support required to achieve organisational core values.

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**Title:** Clinical audit: a guide.
**Citation:** Nursing Management - UK, 01 April 2008, vol./is. 15/1(18-22), 13545760
**Author(s):** Ashmore, Stephen, Ruthven, Tracy
**Abstract:** The article explains how nurses and health care professionals should take part in clinical audits. Health care professionals across the British National Health Service are being encouraged to take part in clinical audits. The government's Standards for Better Health has charged all health care organizations with ensuring that clinicians participate in regular clinical audit. However, clinical audits are often poorly carried out and consequently have minimal effect on improving patient care.

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**Title:** Identifying best practice principles of audit in health care.
**Citation:** Nursing Standard, 2010, vol./is. 24/32(40-48), 0029-6570
**Author(s):** Patel, Seraphim
**Abstract:** Audit is recognised as a crucial component of improving the quality of patient care. Examples include giving patients safe, reliable and dignified care, enhancing their experiences and satisfaction by encouraging them to self-direct their recovery, and reducing the length of stay in hospital, readmission rates and delayed discharge. This article describes clinical audit, the stages involved in the process and the support required to achieve strategic objectives. 2 figs. 1 table 40 refs. [Summary]

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**Title:** Clinical audit : why it matters.
**Citation:** BMJ, 2010, vol./is. 341/7765(31), 0959-8138
**Author(s):** Fayaz, Alan
**Abstract:** Doctors must engage with clinical audit rather than settle for passive involvement, argues Alan Fayaz. [Introduction]

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**Title:** Mind the gap : using clinical audit to minimise medication information errors at hospital discharge.
**Citation:** The Psychiatrist, 2010, vol./is. 34/6(248-250), 1758-3209
**Author(s):** Kumar Jainer, Ashok, Noushad, Fabida, Coupe, Tim
**Abstract:** AIMS AND METHOD: We conducted a retrospective audit of 100 discharge summaries to evaluate the accuracy of medication recording and the recording of as required (PRN) prescribing, and to see whether or not general practitioners were advised on how long to continue the latter. After a formal guideline was introduced we conducted a re-audit. RESULTS: There was an improvement in summaries recording medication correctly (from 64 to 83 per cent). The number of summaries with one or more missing medications halved and PRN sedative prescribing reduced from 18 to 3 per cent, but provision of advice on the latter did not improve. CLINICAL IMPLICATIONS: Accurate recording of medication in the discharge summary is an important element of the transfer of patient care to the general practitioner. Medication errors may pose serious health risks and undermine patient confidence in the service. The clinical audit and interventions implemented helped to reduce errors in medication recording in discharge summaries.

**Abstract**

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Available in fulltext at The Royal College of Psychiatrists
Available in fulltext at Highwire Press
Title: A practitioner's guide to service development.
Citation: Nursing Management (Harrow), November 2010, vol./is. 17/7(30-5), 1354-5760;1354-5760 (2010 Nov)
Author(s): Lees L
Abstract: Service development and service improvement are complex concepts, but this should not prevent practitioners engaging in, or initiating, them. There is no set blueprint for service development so this article examines the process, describes the skills required, lists some change management tools and offers a guide to the stages involved. The article aims to demystify service development for those considering embarking on the process for the first time.
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Title: On why funding clinical audit is essential. Quality must be seen to be done.
Citation: Health Service Journal, July 2009, vol./is. 119/6167(13), 0952-2271;0952-2271 (2009 Jul 30)
Author(s): Bridgewater B
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Title: Clinical audit in the laboratory.
Citation: Journal of Clinical Pathology, July 2009, vol./is. 62/7(593-7), 0021-9746;1472-4146 (2009 Jul)
Author(s): Erasmus RT, Zemlin AE
Abstract: Audits are part of the continuous quality improvement process and one of the key elements of clinical governance. Laboratory-based clinical audits are concerned primarily with the everyday aspects of laboratory services and are a means of providing feedback to the users of the laboratory and its staff. They involve measuring the performance of laboratory services against established standards. These standards have ideally been established using the principles of evidence-based medicine. If necessary, changes are implemented and then a re-audit is performed after a certain time period to ensure that the changes have been implemented and maintained. Areas of audit in the laboratory include the preanalytic, analytical and postanalytical phases. This review article examines the basis of clinical audits in the laboratory and then proceeds to describe in detail how a laboratory-based clinical audit should be performed and monitored, with special reference to the chemical pathology laboratory.
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Title: Clinical audit 1: a guide for the foundation year doctor.
Citation: British Journal of Hospital Medicine, February 2009, vol./is. 70/2(M18-9), 1750-8460;1750-8460 (2009 Feb)
Author(s): Trivedi D, Weerakoon W, Hooke R
Full Text: Available in print at Newcomb Library & Information Service

Title: Clinical audit 2: a guide for the foundation year doctor.
Citation: British Journal of Hospital Medicine, March 2009, vol./is. 70/3(M34-5), 1750-8460;1750-8460 (2009 Mar)
Author(s): Trivedi D, Singh A, Hooke R
Full Text: Available in print at Newcomb Library & Information Service

Title: Clinical audit in occupational health services.
Citation: Occupational Medicine (Oxford), March 2009, vol./is. 59/2(74-5), 0962-7480;1471-8405 (2009 Mar)
Author(s): Waclawski E
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