

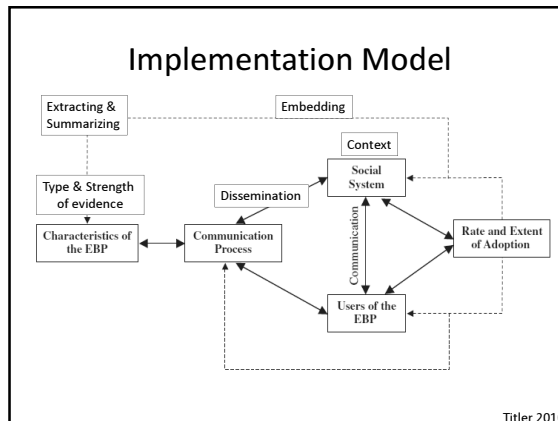
## The Evidence

### Extracting-Summarizing-Embedding

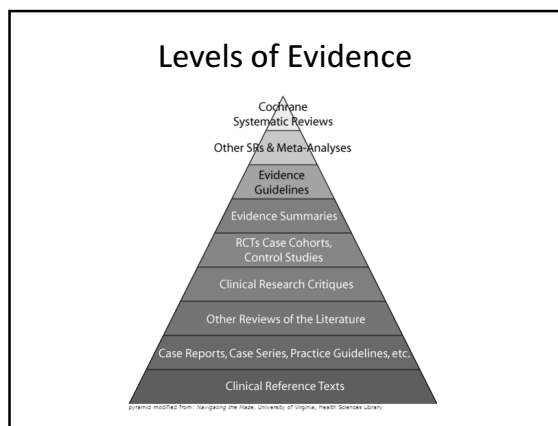
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## EXTRACTING



### PubMed Search

## Meta-Search Engines

### TRIP SUMSearch

**SUMSearch**  
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**SUMSearch 2**

Search MEDLINE, DARE, and NGC for:

Decubitus Ulcer Prevention

Connect search terms with 'AND':

Focus:  Intervention  Diagnosis  None  
 Age:  Adult  Pediatrics  Either  
 Human only:  English only:  Require abstracts:   
 Max # iterations:  5  6 [Explain](#)

-  - Please click once.

**SUMSearch 2**

Original studies    Systematic reviews    Guidelines

989 possible original studies PubMed found after 4 searches. The first 50 citations are:

- Hospital-acquired pressure ulcer prevalence-evaluating low-air-loss beds. *J Wound Ostomy Continence Nurs* 2011 Jan-Feb;38:1. PMID 21233664. doi:10.1097/WON.0b013e318202e4f6. [Cite](#)  
**Conclusion:** Seven of 11 HAAPUs (63%) occurred in patients placed on low-air-loss beds. The prevalence of HAAPU in patients placed on low-air-loss beds was no different from patients placed on standard hospital mattresses supplemented by a variety of pressure redistribution devices. Further research is needed to determine the impact of specific strategies on prevention of HAAPU.
- Assessing the adequacy of pressure ulcer prevention in hospitals: a nationwide prevalence survey. *Qual Saf Health Care* 2011; PMID 21209147. doi:10.1136/bmjqs.2010.043125. [Cite](#)  
**Conclusion:** The implementation of pressure ulcer guidelines requires more attention. The pressure ulcer prevention used in practice should be re-evaluated on a regular basis.
- Effects of Using a High-Density Foam Pad Versus a Viscoelastic Polymer Pad on the Incidence of Pressure Ulcer Development During Spinal Surgery. *Biol Res Nurs* 2010; PMID 21196422. doi:10.1177/1099800410392772. [Cite](#)  
**Conclusion:** However, there was no significant difference between the VP and the HDF pads regarding ulcer prevention. Because the cost of a VP pad is 250 times greater than that of an HDF pad of similar size, the VP pad should only be considered for use in high-risk patients.

**SUMSearch 2**

Original studies    Systematic reviews    Guidelines


3 systematic review(s) from Database of Abstracts of Reviews of Effects (DARE) found.  
 286 possible systematic reviews found at PubMed.  
 1 possible systematic reviews found from PubMed ([View at PubMed](#))

Merged list:

- Risk assessment tools for the prevention of pressure ulcers. *Cochrane Database of Systematic Reviews*: Reviews, 2008 DARE: 10000006471 PubMed: [search with title](#)
- Support surfaces for pressure ulcer prevention. *Cochrane Database of Systematic Reviews*: Reviews, 2008 DARE: 10000001735 PubMed: [search with title](#)
- [Decubitus ulcer prevention expert standard—excerpts from implementation: on the path to continuous improvements]. *Ptlege Z*. 2007 PMID: 17416186 (DARE [summary](#) if available); [Cite](#)

**Evaluation of an Individual Study**

- What was the purpose of the study?**
  - Was it clear and easy to understand?
- Who was studied?**
  - What were the inclusion/exclusion criteria?
  - How were the subjects randomized?
  - Were the groups balanced in any way?
- Intervention/Control**
  - What was the intervention – was it clearly outlined?
  - Were there any factors left out that would have been useful in understanding how the study was undertaken?
  - Could you replicate the study given the information provided?**
- Outcome variables**
  - What were the outcome variables?
  - Did the outcomes allow the investigators to meet the objectives of the study?
- Results**
  - What were the results of the study?
  - Were the results supported by the data?
  - Do you agree with the interpretation of the results?
- Implications**
  - How would you apply this information in your practice (is it feasible)?
  - Would you recommend this article/clinical practice to your colleagues?



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**EVIDENCE-BASED PRACTICE** Step by Step

**Searching for the Evidence**  
*Strategies to help you conduct a successful search.*

**Critical Appraisal of the Evidence: Part I**  
*An introduction to gathering, evaluating, and recording the evidence.*

**Critical Appraisal of the Evidence: Part II**  
*Digging deeper—examining the “keeper” studies.*

**Critical Appraisal of the Evidence: Part III**  
*The process of synthesis: seeing similarities and differences across the body of evidence.*

**SUMMARIZING**

### Summary Table

Study Info	Purpose	Sample	Intervention	Outcomes	Results	Feasibility/use
Meade (2006)	Q1-2 hr rounds on pt satisfaction and safety	14 hospitals	1-2 hour rounds	Patient satisfaction	↓ Falls ↓ Call light use ↑ Patient satisfaction	No details on rollout of intervention
Woodward	Decrease patient uncertainty regarding nurse availability, fall rates, satisfaction, call light use	7 Not specified	1-2 hour rounds Charge Nurse completed rounds APs	Patient satisfaction Falls Charge nurse survey	↓ Falls ↓ Call light use ↑ Patient satisfaction	↑ Charge nurse Theoretical framework No survey of charge nurse satisfaction
Gardner	Test model of practice that optimized the role of HA Test hourly rounds	Med-surg Aunit 123 pts (68 experimental ward/61 control)	Q1 hr rounds by HA Standardized protocol	Pt satisfaction Practice environment	Pt satisfaction (NS)	Pt satisfaction survey developed No benefit from intervention

Grade of Recommendation	Benefits vs Risk & Burdens	Methodological Quality
1A: Strong recommendations/high-quality evidence	Benefits clearly outweigh risk and burdens or vice versa	RCTs without important limitations or overwhelming evidence from observational studies
1B: Strong recommendation moderate quality evidence	Benefits clearly outweigh risk and burdens, or vice versa	RCTs with important limitations (inconsistent results, methodological flaws, indirect or imprecise) or exceptionally strong evidence from observational studies
1C: Strong Recommendation, low quality or very low quality evidence	Benefits clearly outweigh risk and burdens, or vice versa	Observational studies or case series
2A: Weak recommendation, high quality evidence	Benefits closely balanced with risk and burden	RCTs without important limitations or overwhelming evidence from observational studies
2B: Weak recommendation, moderate quality evidence	Benefits closely balanced with risk and burden	RCTs with important limitations (inconsistent results, methodological flaws, indirect or imprecise) or exceptionally strong evidence from observational studies
2C: Weak recommendation, low quality or very low quality evidence	Uncertainty in the estimates of benefits, risks and burden: benefits, risk and burden may be closely balanced	Observational studies or case series

Guyatt C, et al. Grading Strength of Recommendations and Quality of Evidence in Clinical Guidelines. Report From an American College of Chest Physicians Task Force. CHEST 2006; 129:174-181

### Stetler: Levels of Evidence

Level and Quality of Evidence	Type of Evidence
I	Meta analysis or systematic review of multiple controlled studies or clinical trials
II	Individual experimental studies with randomization
III	Quasi-experimental studies (nonrandomized controlled single group, pre-post, cohort, time series, or matched case design)
IV	Nonexperimental studies, such as comparative and correlational descriptive research as well as qualitative studies
V	Program evaluation, research utilization, quality improvement projects, case reports, or benchmark data
VI	Opinions of respected authorities or the opinions of expert committee – may include textbooks and clinical product guidelines


### American Association of Critical Care Nurses Evidence-Leveling System

Level A	Meta-analysis of multiple controlled studies or meta-synthesis of qualitative studies with results that consistently support a specific action, intervention or treatment
Level B	Well designed controlled studies, both randomized and nonrandomized, with results that consistently support a specific action, intervention, or treatment
Level C	Qualitative studies, descriptive or correlational studies, integrative reviews, systematic reviews, or randomized controlled trials with inconsistent results
Level D	Peer-reviewed professional organizational standards, with clinical studies to support recommendations
Level E	Theory-based evidence from expert opinion or multiple case reports
Level M	Manufacturers' recommendations only

Armola Crit Care Nurse 2009

## EMBEDDING

### Evidence-Based Policies and Procedures



Policy and Procedure Manual

**References: Guidelines for Documenting** N-A-13.003

A. Research References:  
 Research references should be footnoted as R<sub>1</sub>, R<sub>2</sub>, R<sub>3</sub>, etc. in the body of the policy, procedure or document where the citation takes place. Specific footnote information should then be listed at the end of the document.

Example:  
Research References:  
 R<sub>1</sub> Goode, C.J., Titler, M., Rakek, B., Ones, K.S., Kleiber, C., Small, S., & Triolo, P.K. (1991). A meta-analysis of effects of heparin flush and saline flush: Quality and cost implications. *Nursing Research*, 40, 423-430.

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## What About Checklists?



**A checklist is 'a formal list used to identify, schedule, compare or verify a group of elements or . . . used as a visual or oral aid that enables the user to overcome the limitations of short-term human memory'**



**ATUL GAWANDE**  
 BESTSELLING AUTHOR OF  
 CHECKLISTS AND CATASTROPHES

**World Health Organization**  
**SURGICAL SAFETY CHECKLIST (FIRST EDITION)**

Before induction of anaesthesia      Before skin incision      Before patient leaves operating room

SIGN IN	TIME OUT	SIGN OUT
<input type="checkbox"/> PATIENT HAS CONFIRMED • IDENTITY • SITE • PROCEDURE • CONSENT  <input type="checkbox"/> SITE MARKING/NOT APPLICABLE  <input type="checkbox"/> ANAESTHESIA SAFETY CHECK COMPLETED  <input type="checkbox"/> PULSE OXIMETER ON PATIENT AND FUNCTIONING  DOES PATIENT HAVE A: <input type="checkbox"/> KNOWN ALLERGY? NO YES  <input type="checkbox"/> DIFFICULT AIRWAY/ASPIRATION RISK? NO YES AND EQUIPMENT/ASSISTANCE AVAILABLE  RISK OF AIRWAY OBSTRUCTION <input type="checkbox"/> YES AND ACCURATE INTRAVENOUS ACCESS AND FLUIDS PLANNED <input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> CONFIRM ALL TEAM MEMBERS HAVE INTRODUCED THEMSELVES BY NAME AND ROLE  <input type="checkbox"/> SURGEON, ANAESTHESIA PROFESSIONAL AND NURSE VERBALLY CONFIRM: • PATIENT • SITE • PROCEDURE  ANTICIPATED CRITICAL EVENTS  <input type="checkbox"/> SURGEON REVIEWS: WHAT ARE THE CRITICAL OR UNEXPECTED STEPS, OPERATIVE DURATION, ANTICIPATED BLOOD LOSS?  <input type="checkbox"/> ANAESTHESIA TEAM REVIEWS: ARE THERE ANY PATIENT-SPECIFIC CONCERNS?  <input type="checkbox"/> NURSING TEAM REVIEWS: HAS STERILITY INCLUDING INDICATOR RESULTS BEEN CONFIRMED? ARE THERE EQUIPMENT ISSUES OR ANY CONCERNS?  HAS ANTIBIOTIC PROPHYLAXIS BEEN GIVEN WITHIN THE LAST 60 MINUTES? <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NOT APPLICABLE  <input type="checkbox"/> IS ESSENTIAL IMAGING DISPLAYED? <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NOT APPLICABLE	NURSE VERBALLY CONFIRMS WITH THE TEAM  <input type="checkbox"/> THE NAME OF THE PROCEDURE RECORDED  <input type="checkbox"/> THAT INSTRUMENT, SPONGE AND NEEDLE COUNTS ARE CORRECT (OR NOT APPLICABLE)  <input type="checkbox"/> HOW THE SPECIMEN IS LABELLED (INCLUDING PRESENT MARKS)  <input type="checkbox"/> WHETHER THERE ARE ANY EQUIPMENT PROBLEMS TO BE ADDRESSED  <input type="checkbox"/> SURGEON, ANAESTHESIA PROFESSIONAL AND NURSE REVIEW THE KEY CONCEPTS FOR RECOVERY AND MANAGEMENT OF THE PATIENT

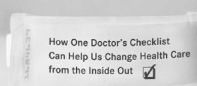
THIS CHECKLIST IS NOT INTENDED TO BE COMPREHENSIVE. ADDITIONS AND MODIFICATIONS TO FIT LOCAL PRACTICE ARE ENCOURAGED.

## Rules from the Aviation Industry

- Succinct items (✓ vs algorithm or procedure)
- No more than 1 page
- Sentences simple and clear, yet maintain professional language of the field
- Cluttering and coloring is limited
- Items amenable to verbal confirmation
- **Checklists associated with actions that allow corrections or modifications to ensure safety**

Weiser 2010/Winters 2010

SAFE  
PATIENTS,  
SMART  
HOSPITALS



Peter Pronovost, M.D., Ph.D.,  
and Eric Vohr

**Technical work** answers problems with known answers and is skill and knowledge based

- Easy to identify
- Often lend themselves to quick and easy solutions
- Often solved by an authority or expert
- Requires change in just one or a few places; often contained within organizational boundaries
- People are generally receptive to technical solutions
- Solutions can often be implemented quickly – even by edict

Heifetz & Laurie Harvard Business Review 1997

**Adaptive work** is required when our deeply held beliefs are challenged, when the values that made us successful before become less relevant and when legitimate, yet competing perspectives emerge

- Difficult to identify (easy to deny)
- Require changes in values, beliefs, roles, relationships and approaches to work
- People with the problem do the work of solving it
- Require change in numerous places; usually crosses organizational boundaries
- People often resist even acknowledging adaptive challenges
- Solutions require experiments and new discoveries; they can take a long time to implement and cannot be implemented by edict

Heifetz & Laurie - Harvard Business Review 1997

Leading Change			
	Executive Leaders	Team Leaders	Staff
Engage adaptive	<b>How Do I Make the World a Better Place?</b> >How do I create an organization that is safe for patients and rewarding for staff? >How does this strategy fit our mission?	<b>How Do I Make the World a Better Place?</b> >How do I create a unit that is safe for patients and rewarding for staff? >How do I touch their hearts?	<b>How Do I Make the World a Better Place?</b> >Do I believe I can change the world, starting with my unit? >Can I help make my unit safer for patients and a better place to work?
Educate technical	<b>What Do I Need to Know?</b> >What is the business case? >How do I engage the Board and Medical Staff? >How can I monitor progress?	<b>What Do I Need to Know?</b> >What is the evidence? >Do I have executive and medical staff support? >Are there tools to help me develop a plan?	<b>What Do I Need to Know?</b> >Why is this change important? >How are patient outcomes likely to improve? >How does my daily work need to change? >Where do I go for support?
Execute adaptive	<b>What Do I Need to Do?</b> >Do the Board and Medical Staff support the plan and have the skills and vision to implement? >How do I know the team has sufficient resources, incentives and organizational support?	<b>What Do I Need to Do?</b> >Do the Staff Know the plan and do they have the skills and commitment to implement? >Have we tailored this to our environment?	<b>What Do I Need to Do?</b> >Can I be a better team member and team leader? >How can I share what I know to make care better? >Am I learning from defects?
Evaluate technical	<b>How Will I Know I Made a Difference?</b> >Have resources been allocated to collect and use safety data? >Is the work climate better? >Are patients safer? >How do I know?	<b>How Will I Know I Made a Difference?</b> >Have I created a system for data collection, unit level reporting, and using data to improve? >Is the work climate better? >Are patients safer? >How do I know?	<b>How Will I Know I Made a Difference?</b> >What is our unit level report card? >Is the unit a better place to work? >Is teamwork better? >Are patients safer? >How do I know?
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**IT'S ALL ABOUT ME**

What's In It For Me?	
<b>Risk of SARS Associated with Inconsistent Use of PPE (Lau 2004)</b>	
<b>PPE</b>	<b>OR</b>
N95 mask or paper facemask	2.0
Goggles	6.4
<b>50% of healthcare workers with documented H1N1 infections were infected in a healthcare setting</b> <small>MMWR 2009 58(23):641-645</small>	
• ≥ 3	7.9
<b># Equipment inconsistently used /caring for general pt</b>	
• 0	1.0
• 1 to 2	4.9
• ≥ 3	10.8

## The Law of Epidemics

- **The Power of Context**
  - "Epidemics are sensitive to the conditions and circumstances of the times and places in which they occur."
- **The Stickiness Factor**
  - The specific content of a message that renders its impact memorable
- **The Law of the Few**
  - "The success of any kind of social epidemic is heavily dependent on the involvement of people with a particular and rare set of social gifts."
  - 80/20 rule

Gladwell: The Tipping Point

## Making Your Message Sticky

### SUCCESS

- Principle 1. **Simplicity**
- Principle 2. **Unexpectedness**
- Principle 3. **Concreteness**
- Principle 4. **Credibility**
- Principle 5. **Emotions**
- Principle 6. **Stories**



## The Law of the Few

*We are all more likely to act our way into a new way of thinking than to think our way into a new way of acting*

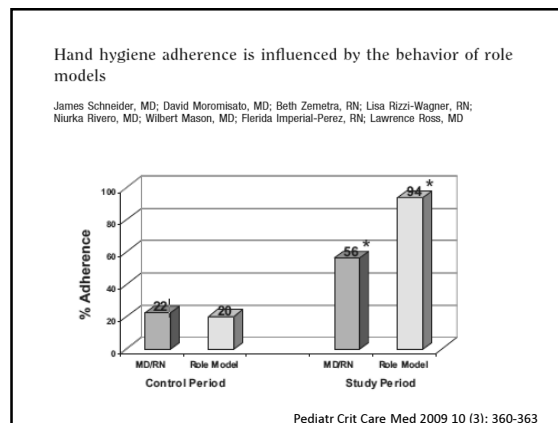
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ORIGINAL ARTICLE

**A Qualitative Exploration of Reasons for Poor Hand Hygiene Among Hospital Workers: Lack of Positive Role Models and of Convincing Evidence That Hand Hygiene Prevents Cross-Infection**

- MDs
  - Importance of hand hygiene for self-protection
  - Lack of evidence for efficacy of hand hygiene in preventing cross infection
- RN/MDs
  - Personal beliefs about efficacy of hand hygiene
  - Norms provided by senior hospital staff
    - "If you arrive here and no one washes their hands...yes, I think you copy that behavior. You think that's what they do so that must be right"
- Medical Students
  - Copy behaviors of their superiors – including noncompliance

*Erasmus Infect Control Hosp Epidemiol 2009; 30:415-419*



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