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Consultation: Version 2 of the National Safety and Quality Health Service (NSQHS) Standards – have your say

<http://www.safetyandquality.gov.au/our-work/accreditation-and-the-nsqhs-standards/current-consultations/>

The draft version 2 of the NSQHS Standards is now available for consultation. You can have your say on the draft version 2 of the NSQHS Standards by providing written feedback or completing an online survey.

The Australian Commission on Safety and Quality in Health Care started a review of the NSQHS Standards in late 2014 with completion expected in 2017/18. The key deliverable for this review is version 2 of the NSQHS Standards.

The draft version 2 of the NSQHS Standards, accompanying consultation documents and online survey link can be found at <http://www.safetyandquality.gov.au/our-work/accreditation-and-the-nsqhs-standards/current-consultations/>

The consultation period closes on 30 October 2015.

Any queries regarding this consultation process can be directed to NSQHSStandards@safetyandquality.gov.au or 1800 304 056

New resources help parents and clinicians better understand the benefits and risks of CT scans for children and young people

The Australian Commission on Safety and Quality in Health Care has released a range of resources aimed at reducing unnecessary radiation exposure to children and young people from computed tomography scans (CT scans).

Over 80,000 CT scans are performed on children and young people in Australia each year. CT scans are a valuable diagnostic tool of benefit in a wide range of clinical situations. However, they use a higher level of ionising radiation than other types of imaging and their use on children and young people has been linked to a slight increase in the risk of developing cancer later in life.

The resources are designed to provide guidance for those involved in the pathway of care – from parents and carers, to the referring doctors and dentists who request CT scans, and the imaging professionals who perform them.

Brochures for parents and carers outlining the benefits and risks of CT scans are available now at general practices, dentists, medical imaging centres and early childhood health centres across Australia. These brochures and their companion posters also provide useful questions parents and carers can ask their doctor, specialist or dentist about CT scans and are available at

www.safetyandquality.gov.au/ctscansforkids

A fact sheet for referring doctors has also been updated to provide information on the typical radiation doses and the key questions to consider when deciding whether to refer a child for a CT scan. To support radiographers who undertake CT scans for children and young people, the Australian Institute of Radiography has developed an online training module.

All these resources, and many others dedicated to CT scans for children and young people, are available now through Healthdirect, which has also partnered with the Commission to develop this valuable resource. See www.healthdirect.gov.au/ctscansforkids

American Journal of Medical Quality

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URL	http://ajm.sagepub.com/content/30/5?etoc
Notes	<p>A new issue of the <i>American Journal of Medical Quality</i> has been published. Articles in this issue of the <i>American Journal of Medical Quality</i> include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Implementation of Unit-Based Interventions to Improve Teamwork and Patient Safety on a Medical Service (Kevin J O’Leary, Amanda J Creden, Maureen E Slade, Matthew P Landler, Nita Kulkarni, Jungwha Lee, John A Vozenilek, Pamela Pfeifer, Susan Eller, Diane B Wayne, and M V Williams) • State-Mandated Reporting of Health Care–Associated Infections in the United States: Trends Over Time (Carolyn T A Herzig, Julie Reagan, Monika Pogorzelska-Maziarz, Divya Srinath, and Patricia W Stone) • Continuous Quality Improvement Program for Hip and Knee Replacement (Deborah A Marshall, Tanya Christiansen, Christopher Smith, Jane Squire Howden, Jason Werle, Peter Faris, and Cy Frank) • Organizational Characteristics and Patient Experiences With Hospital Care: A Survey Study of Hospital Chief Patient Experience Officers (Matthew Manary, Richard Staelin, Keith Kosel, Kevin A Schulman, and Seth W Glickman) • Predictors of 30-Day Hospital Readmission Following Ischemic and Hemorrhagic Stroke (Roy E Strowd, Starla M Wise, U Natalie Umesi, Laura Bishop, Jeffrey Craig, David Lefkowitz, Patrick S Reynolds, Charles Tegeler, Martinson Arnan, Pamela W Duncan, and Cheryl D Bushnell)

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Continuous Practice Quality Improvement Initiative for Communication of Critical Findings in Neuroradiology (Lukasz S Babiarz, Jonathan S Lewin, and David M Yousem) • The Physician Quality Officer Model: 5-Year Follow-up (Robert Klugman, Mitchell J Gitkind, and Kathleen E Walsh) • Decomposing Differences in Medical Care Access Among Cancer Survivors by Race and Ethnicity (Christopher J King, Jie Chen, Rada K Dagher, Cheryl L Holt, and Stephen B Thomas) • Development and Validation of the Johns Hopkins Disruptive Clinician Behavior Survey (Deborah Dang, Dorothy Nyberg, Jo M Walrath, and Miyong T Kim) • Educational Backgrounds and Quality of Training of Surgeons Performing Coronary Artery Bypass Graft Procedures in the State of Florida in 2010 (Dennis R Delisle and Claudia Campbell) • No Evidence for Race and Socioeconomic Status as Independent Predictors of 30-Day Readmission Rates Following Orthopedic Surgery (Tracey Hunter, Richard S Yoon, Lorraine Hutzler, Philip Band, Victoria Liublinksa, James Slover, and Joseph A. Bosco III) • Facing the Tension Between Quality Measures and Patient Satisfaction (Susan Moffatt-Bruce, Jennifer L Hefner, and Ann Scheck McAlearney) • Health Care Quality: A Question of Supply and Demand (M N Cantor) • Rounding on Rounds: Creating a Checklist for Patient- and Family-Centered Rounds (Ryan Holton, Roma Patel, Matthew Eggebrecht, Bethany Von Hoff, Oliver Garrison, Steven McHale, Jenna Bednar, and Andrew Olson)
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BMJ Quality and Safety online first articles

URL	http://qualitysafety.bmj.com/content/early/recent
Notes	<p><i>BMJ Quality and Safety</i> has published a number of ‘online first’ articles, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Editorial: Identifying preventable readmissions: an achievable goal or waiting for Godot? (Christine Soong, Chaim Bell) • Development of the Quality Improvement Minimum Quality Criteria Set (QI-MQCS): a tool for critical appraisal of quality improvement intervention publications (Susanne Hempel, Paul G Shekelle, Jodi L Liu, Margie Sherwood Danz, R Foy, Y-W Lim, A Motala, L V Rubenstein) • Strengthening the afferent limb of rapid response systems: an educational intervention using web-based learning for early recognition and responding to deteriorating patients (Sok Ying Liaw, Lai Fun Wong, Sophia Bee Leng Ang, Jasmine Tze Yin Ho, Chiang Siau, Emily Neo Kim Ang) • A cluster-randomised quality improvement study to improve two inpatient stroke quality indicators (Linda Williams, Virginia Daggett, James E Slaven, Zhangsheng Yu, Danielle Sager, Jennifer Myers, Laurie Plue, Heather Woodward-Hagg, Teresa M Damush) • Access to primary care and the route of emergency admission to hospital: retrospective analysis of national hospital administrative data (Thomas E Cowling, Matthew Harris, Hilary Watt, Michael Soljak, Emma Richards, Elinor Gunning, Alex Bottle, James Macinko, Azeem Majeed) • How to build up the actionable knowledge base: the role of ‘best fit’ framework synthesis for studies of improvement in healthcare (Andrew Booth, Christopher Carroll)

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