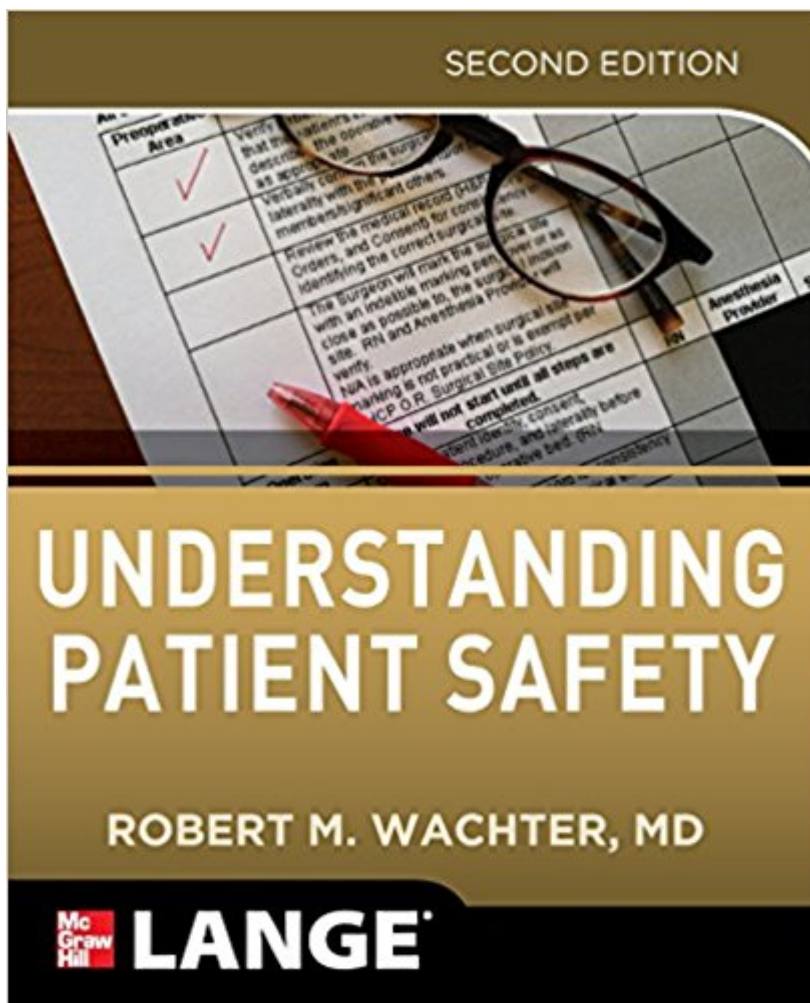


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# Understanding Patient Safety, Second Edition (Internal Medicine)



## Synopsis

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and trends, including: Information technology Measurements of safety, errors, and harm Checklist-based interventions Safety targets Policy issues in patient safety Balancing "no blame" and accountability Understanding Patient Safety, Second Edition delivers key insights to help you understand and prevent a broad range of errors, including those related to medications, surgery, diagnosis, infections, and nursing care. The crucial contextual issues -- including errors at the person-machine interface, the role of culture, patient engagement in their own safety, and workforce and trainee considerations, are also well covered. Finally, the book provides a practical overview of how to organize an effective safety program, in both hospitals and clinics.

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Robert M. Wachter, MD Professor and Associate Chair, Department of Medicine University of California, San Francisco Dr. Wachter, author of more than 250 articles and six books, coined the term "hospitalist" in 1996 and is considered one of the world's leading experts on patient safety and healthcare quality. Still a practicing clinician, he edits the US federal government's two leading patient safety websites (which receive 3 million yearly visitors), co-authored the bestseller "Internal Bleeding," and is a recipient of the John M. Eisenberg award, the nation's leading honor in patient safety. For the past six years, Modern Healthcare magazine has named him as one of the 50 most influential physicians in the United States. He is immediate past-chair of the American Board of

Internal Medicine and writes a popular and influential blog, "Wachter's World."

"Understanding Patient Safety" is the best primer on patient safety currently available. I highly recommend this text -- as a patient safety researcher, as a medical educator, and as a clinician leader. For someone new to the patient safety field, this text is perfect. It is very well written with lots of good illustrations and comprehensive coverage of all the key topics. It is substantive but not overly technical. There are excellent references at the end of each chapter. For someone tasked with teaching others about patient safety, this book is 'gold'. The text provides a wonderful 'map' to the field of patient safety -- highlighting, summarizing, and exploring all the key topics. The book would serve as an excellent text for introductory courses at undergraduate programs, medical schools, schools of public health, and patient safety institutes. Finally, the expert will find the text incredibly useful as a way to quickly brush up on those topics that are less familiar. This is a 'must have' for anyone in the patient safety field!

This book breaks down the topic of patient safety into easy reading chapters that are very comprehensive in dealing with the subject matter. Each chapter ends with a review of important points which is helpful in recalling the material. The tables and figures within the book are well designed and complement the material. Particularly useful are the references at the end of each chapter and the appendices at the end of the book. Anyone with a little knowledge of medical terminology will be able to understand the examples given in the book. Well done.

I frequently read reviews, now is my time to give back. This book is hands down the most readable book on patient safety. It is elegant (i.e. simple) in its presentation and each chapter can be read with students to allow consumption of the materials over time. I have spent the last 16 years of my career working in medical informatics and I find the content to be of high value and balanced, even the sections on health information technology. Dr. Wachter does a nice job of filtering to references of high quality to guide deeper reading. I think this should be required reading for all medical students. Todd Rowland MD

Good book.

I bought an earlier version. This is amazingly simple, great stories to get the point across, and very accurate. Bob is a genius and well respected in the country. I think all RNs should read this.

I read Wachter's 1st edition several years ago and it was excellent. This edition is even better. There is new and expanded content, yet the book is still efficient and highly engaging. This book is outstanding for basic and intermediate level patient safety learners.

Like really new book!! Fast shipping.. I will buy again.. A+++++

Still written easy to read, reads more like a story than a textbook. Sometimes not enough detail is included to feel satisfactory for a topic but as an introduction covers the important topics as a general initial survey text

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