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This text will act as a quick quality improvement reference and resource for every role within the healthcare system including physicians, nurses, support staff, security, fellows, residents, therapists, managers, directors, chiefs, and board members. It aims to provide a broad overview of quality improvement concepts and how they can be immediately pertinent to one's role. The editors have used a tiered approach, outlining what each role needs to lead a QI project, participate as a team member, set goals and identify resources to drive improvements in care delivery. Each section of the book targets a specific group within the healthcare organization. Pocket Guide to Quality Improvement in Healthcare will guide the individual, as well as the organization to fully engage all staff in QI, creating a safety culture, and ultimately strengthening care delivery. Organizational Improvement is no longer a function of just management, and no longer only relevant in manufacturing in-

dustries. Truly world-class organizations implement improvement practices into every facet of the organization, involving every level of employee. the authors of The Quality Improvement Handbook believe that for an organization to be successful, each employee must understand and utilize basic quality principles in their daily activities. The Quality Improvement Handbook provides a very thorough introduction to the fundamental concepts and theories of quality improvement, intended to both teach the quality beginner and refresh the experienced professional. the book was written with the belief that knowledge of quality basics, teamwork, and continuous improvement are essential tenets of any successful career. the three editors of this collaborative handbook have over 100 years experience in the field of organizational improvement. Written according to the ASQ Certified Quality Improvement Associate (CQIA) Body of Knowledge, this book proves an excellent study guide for anyone preparing for the CQIA exam. Basic quality at a size and price that are

easy on your pocket! This pocket guide is designed to be a quick, on-the-job reference for anyone interested in making their workplace more effective and efficient. It will provide a solid initial overview of what “quality” is and how it could impact you and your organization. Use it to compare how you and your organization are doing things, and to see whether what’s described in the guide might be useful. The tools of quality described herein are universal. People across the world need to find better, more effective ways to improve the creation and performance of products and services. Since organizational and process improvement is increasingly integrated into all areas of an organization, everyone must understand the basic principles of process control and process improvement. This succinct and concentrated guide can help. Unlike any other pocket guide on the market, included throughout are direct links to numerous free online resources that not only go deeper but also show these concepts and tools in action: case studies, articles, webcasts, templates, tutorials, examples from the ASQ Service Division’s Service Quality Body of Knowledge (SQBOK), and much more. This pocket guide serves as a gateway into the wealth of peerless content that ASQ offers.

This handbook is designed as a reference for ASQ’s Certified Quality Process Analyst (CQPA) Body of Knowledge (BoK), providing the essential information needed to prepare for the CQPA examination. The handbook is aimed at quality professionals who, in support of and under the direction of quality engineers or supervisors, analyze and solve quality problems and are involved in quality improvement projects. It’s ideal for recent graduates and experienced professionals who want to expand their

knowledge of quality tools and processes. There are five main sections in the CQPA Body of Knowledge, further subdivided into related subsections. These sections are: Quality Concepts and Team Dynamics Quality Tools and Process Improvement Techniques Data Analysis Customer-Supplier Relations Corrective and Preventive Action (CAPA) This updated edition has been revised and expanded to match the 2020 BoK with enhancements to: tools for assessing training effectiveness best practices on the Six Sigma DMAIC methodology and process maps with a focus on process architecture examples of lean and value analysis, Theory of Constraints risk management, business process management and lifecycle phases the importance of data collection and analysis, data integrity, validity, and reliability examples of gage R&R and attribute agreement analysis Sandra L. Furtererspan, BS, MS, MBA, PhD, is an associate professor at the University of Dayton in the Department of Engineering Management, Systems and Technology. She is an ASQ Certified Six Sigma Black Belt, Certified Manager of Quality/ Organizational Excellence, Certified Quality Engineer, an ASQ fellow, and a certified Six Sigma Master Black Belt. She is also a contributor to ASQ’s certification handbooks (CMQ/OE and CQIA) and a prolific speaker.

The benefits of using quality improvement techniques are well documented, and there are numerous books on the market explaining how to use these techniques in nearly every industry. But the world of quality is rife with unique and specific terminology, acronyms, catchphrases, theories, and noteworthy individuals. The breadth of material can be very confusing to anyone, and outright intimidating to those just beginning in the

quality profession. Finally there is help!!-nl--Novices as well as seasoned quality professionals will find The Quality Improvement Glossary to be the definitive source for quality-related terms, concepts, persons, and acronyms, making it an invaluable addition to any quality library. Written to serve as an easy-to-use guide to the often confusing world of quality improvement, it provides solid and concise explanations of more than 2,500 terms, as well as references to related concepts and information on how to uncover more in-depth information. Also included in its several appendices are noted influential persons in the quality field, a separate list of acronyms, SPC symbols and common formulas. With a plethora of quality-related knowledge at readers' fingertips, this book is also very helpful when preparing for certification exams PRAISE FOR The Quality Improvement Glossary "I currently hold three ASQ Certifications and I have to say that the easy access and reference to terms helped in my success in passing these exams." Earl Wells First Vice President, Quality & Research Allen Canning Company

This book is a reference for continuous improvement project (CIP) leaders/facilitators in manufacturing and service organizations, students (undergraduate and graduate), academics responsible for managing senior projects (Capstone Projects) and teaching quality courses, and researchers interested in how organizations could produce more effective and efficient continuous improvement initiatives and projects. The authors collected and analyzed information and results from CIPs they facilitated or co-advised, such as the improvement of the service level in a bottle manufacturing organization, reduction of changeover in a brewery manufacturing organization, reduc-

tion of ambulance response time, and reduction of scrap in a steel transformation manufacturing organization. Many of the CIPs were previously part of award-winning white papers documenting critical improvements. Throughout this book, readers will learn: different types of CIPs metrics to identify successful CIPs the 53 factors related to CIPs success how to manage CIPs behaviors to achieve outstanding results from CIPs. Three of the chapters are supplemented with three or more case studies. In addition, the final chapter includes a list of behaviors expected from directors, continuous improvement managers, CIP leaders/facilitators, and CIP team members to obtain the major benefits from CIPs.

The ASQ Certified Quality Improvement Associate (CQIA) certification introduces the basics of quality to organizations and individuals who are new to quality. This book, and the Body of Knowledge (BoK) it supports, form a foundation for applying proven quality principles and practices that are used around the world. This handbook follows the CQIA span in both content and sequence. Let it serve as your guide in preparing for the ASQ CQIA examination, and refer to it frequently as you learn and implement these ideas and tools in your organization. This book is primarily meant to aid those taking the ASQ Certified Quality Engineer (CQE) exam and is best used in conjunction with The Certified Quality Engineer Handbook. Section 1 provides 380 practice questions organized by the seven parts of the 2015 Body of Knowledge (BOK). Section 2 gives the reader 205 additional practice questions from each of the seven parts, in a randomized order. For every question in both sections, detailed solutions are provided that explain why each answer is the correct one and also which section of the BOK the ques-

tion corresponds to so that any further study needed can be focused on specific sections. A secondary audience is those taking exams for ASQ certifications whose BOKs have some crossover with the CQE. Namely, the Certified Six Sigma Black Belt (CSSBB), Certified Six Sigma Green Belt (CSSGB), Certified Reliability Engineer (CRE), and Certified Quality Inspector (CQI). Using this guide in studying for any of these exams would be extremely useful, particularly for the statistics portions of the BOKs. Unlike other resources on the market, all these questions and solutions were developed specifically to address the 2015 CQE Body of Knowledge and help those studying for it, including taking into account the proper depth of knowledge and required levels of cognition. None of this material has appeared in any previous resource or been shoehorned into fitting under the BOKs topics. NOTE: Practice/sample test questions such as those in this study guide cannot be taken into ASQ certification exam rooms.

This comprehensive medical textbook is a compendium of the latest information on healthcare quality. The text provides knowledge about the theory and practical applications for each of the core areas that comprise the field of medical quality management as well as insight and essential briefings on the impact of new healthcare technologies and innovations on medical quality and improvement. The third edition provides significant new content related to medical quality management and quality improvement, a user-friendly format, case studies, and updated learning objectives. This textbook also serves as source material for the American Board of Medical Quality in the development of its core curriculum and certification examina-

tions. Each chapter is designed for a review of the essential background, precepts, and exemplary practices within the topical area: Basics of Quality Improvement Data Analytics for the Improvement of Healthcare Quality Utilization Management, Case Management, and Care Coordination Economics and Finance in Medical Quality Management External Quality Improvement — Accreditation, Certification, and Education The Interface Between Quality Improvement and Law Ethics and Quality Improvement With the new edition of Medical Quality Management: Theory and Practice, the American College of Medical Quality presents the experience and expertise of its contributors to provide the background necessary for healthcare professionals to assume the responsibilities of medical quality management in healthcare institutions, provide physicians in all medical specialties with a core body of knowledge related to medical quality management, and serve as a necessary guide for healthcare administrators and executives, academics, directors, medical and nursing students and residents, and physicians and other health practitioners.

Among the issues confronting America is long-term care for frail, older persons and others with chronic conditions and functional limitations that limit their ability to care for themselves. Improving the Quality of Long-Term Care takes a comprehensive look at the quality of care and quality of life in long-term care, including nursing homes, home health agencies, residential care facilities, family members and a variety of others. This book describes the current state of long-term care, identifying problem areas and offering recommendations for federal and state policymakers. Who uses long-term care? How have the characteristics

of this population changed over time? What paths do people follow in long term care? The committee provides the latest information on these and other key questions. This book explores strengths and limitations of available data and research literature especially for settings other than nursing homes, on methods to measure, oversee, and improve the quality of long-term care. The committee makes recommendations on setting and enforcing standards of care, strengthening the caregiving workforce, reimbursement issues, and expanding the knowledge base to guide organizational and individual caregivers in improving the quality of care.

In his first complete text on the ADKAR model, Jeff Hiatt explains the origin of the model and explores what drives each building block of ADKAR. Learn how to build awareness, create desire, develop knowledge, foster ability and reinforce changes in your organization. The ADKAR Model is changing how we think about managing the people side of change, and provides a powerful foundation to help you succeed at change.

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There are many techniques and a variety of tools available to improve or change an organization, but how do executives and senior management decide which are right for their organizations? The Executive Guide to Improvement and Change is designed to help managers and executives understand the many different approaches to organizational change and improvement. The book explains that there is not one technique that works best for any organization, but rather that the managers and executives need to develop their own strategies with a blending of different methods. The authors share the tools and techniques that they have used to successfully make changes and improvements in their own organizations, which include examples from manufacturing, health-care, service, government, telecommunications, education, and more. The Executive Guide to Improvement and Change covers a variety of techniques ranging from auditing to teamwork, Six Sigma to Customer Satisfaction, and more. The book will assist executives and managers lead improvement and change initiatives within the organization and the larger business community, as well as educate those who aspire to senior posi-

tions of leadership.

This reference manual is designed to help both those interested in passing the exam for ASQ's Certified Six Sigma Yellow Belt (CSSYB) and those who want a handy reference to the appropriate materials needed for successful Six Sigma projects. It is intended to be a reference for both beginners in Six Sigma and those who are already knowledgeable about process improvement and variation reduction. The primary layout of the handbook follows the Body of Knowledge (BoK) for the CSSYB released in 2015. The author has utilized feedback from Six Sigma practitioners and knowledge gained through helping others prepare for exams to create a handbook that will be beneficial to anyone seeking to pass not only the CSSYB exam but also other Six Sigma exams. In addition to the primary text, the handbook contains numerous appendixes, a comprehensive list of abbreviations, and a CD-ROM with practice exam questions, recorded webinars, and several useful publications. Each chapter includes essay-type questions to test the comprehension of students using this book at colleges and universities. Six Sigma trainers for organizations may find this additional feature useful, as they want their trainees (staff) to not only pass ASQ's Six Sigma exams but have a comprehensive understanding of the Body of Knowledge that will allow them to support real Six Sigma projects in their roles.

This reference manual is designed to help those interested in passing the ASQ's certification exam for Six Sigma Green Belts and others who want a handy reference to the appropriate materials needed to conduct successful Green Belt projects. It is a reference handbook on running projects for those who are already knowledgeable about process im-

provement and variation reduction. The primary layout of the handbook follows the ASQ Body of Knowledge (BoK) for the Certified Six Sigma Green Belt (CSSGB) updated in 2015. The authors were involved with the first edition handbook, and have utilized first edition user comments, numerous Six Sigma practitioners, and their own personal knowledge gained through helping others prepare for exams to bring together a handbook that they hope will be very beneficial to anyone seeking to pass the ASQ or other Green Belt exams. In addition to the primary text, the authors have added a number of new appendixes, an expanded acronym list, new practice exam questions, and other additional materials.

The public health industry has recognized the value of continuous improvement. Quality Improvement (QI) teams are engaged across the country in identifying root causes of the issues which prevent us from providing the best public health services to communities and individuals. The tools of quality, when used effectively, will truly make a difference in the public's health. It is time to take a more advanced approach for cross functional and long-term improvements that will achieve the systems level results the public deserves. The purpose of this book is to introduce the concepts embedded in Quality Function Deployment (QFD) and Lean Six Sigma to help Public Health professionals in their implementation of quality improvement within their agencies. The tools and techniques of QFD and Lean Six Sigma can help problem solving teams by providing insight into customer needs and wants, the design and development of customer centric processes, and mapping value streams. Both QFD and Lean Six Sigma focus on doing the most with the resources we have. The methods in this

text are the next step to harness the energy, enthusiasm, hard work, and dedication of our public health workforce to make a lasting difference. By effectively expanding the use of QI tools and techniques, we can, and will, improve our nation's health and the health of the many communities we serve.

"This handbook is a comprehensive reference source designed to help professionals address organizational issues from the application of the basic principles of management to the development of strategies needed to deal with the technological and societal concerns of the new millennium. The content of this fourth edition has been revised to reflect a more current global perspective and to align with the 2014 Certified Manager of Quality/Organizational Excellence (CMQ/OE) Body of Knowledge (BoK). In order to provide a broad perspective of quality management, this book has specifically been written to address: Historical perspectives relating to the evolution of particular aspects of quality management, including recognized experts and their contributions Key principles, concepts, and terminology relevant in providing quality leadership, and communicating quality needs and results Benefits associated with the application of key concepts and quality management principles Best practices describing recognized approaches for good quality management Barriers to success, including common problems that the quality manager might experience when designing and implementing quality management, and insights as to why some quality initiatives fail Guidance for preparation to take the CMQ/OE examination. Organized to follow the BoK exactly, throughout each section of this handbook the categorical BoK requirements

associated with good quality management practices for that section are shown in a box preceding the pertinent text. These BoK requirements represent the range of content and the cognitive level to which multiple-choice questions can be presented. Although this handbook thoroughly prepares individuals for the ASQ CMQ/OE exam, the real value resides in post-exam usage as a day-to-day reference source for assessing quality applications and methodologies in daily processes. The content is written from the perspective of practitioners, and its relevance extends beyond traditional product quality applications"--

PMBOK® Guide is the go-to resource for project management practitioners. The project management profession has significantly evolved due to emerging technology, new approaches and rapid market changes. Reflecting this evolution, The Standard for Project Management enumerates 12 principles of project management and the PMBOK® Guide &- Seventh Edition is structured around eight project performance domains. This edition is designed to address practitioners' current and future needs and to help them be more proactive, innovative and nimble in enabling desired project outcomes. This edition of the PMBOK® Guide:

- Reflects the full range of development approaches (predictive, adaptive, hybrid, etc.);
- Provides an entire section devoted to tailoring the development approach and processes;
- Includes an expanded list of models, methods, and artifacts;
- Focuses on not just delivering project outputs but also enabling outcomes; and
- Integrates with PMI standards+™ for information and standards application content based on project type, development approach, and industry sector.

"This handbook supports the quality audi-

tor Body of Knowledge (BoK), developed for the ASQ Certified Quality Auditor (C-QA) program. This edition addresses new and expanded BoK topics, common auditing (quality, environmental, safety, and so on) methods, and process auditing. It is designed to provide practical guidance for system and process auditors. Practitioners in the field provided content, example audit situations, stories, and review comments as the handbook evolved. New to the edition are the topics of common and special causes, outliers, and risk management tools. Besides the new topics, many current topics have been expanded to reflect changes in auditing practices since 2004 and ISO 19011 guidance, and they have been rewritten to promote the common elements of all types of system and process audits. The handbook can be used by new auditors to gain an understanding of auditing. Experienced auditors will find it to be a useful reference. Audit managers and quality managers can use the handbook as a guide for leading their auditing programs. The handbook may also be used by trainers and educators as source material for teaching the fundamentals of auditing"--

Sharing Best Practices across industries and functions is an accepted approach to continuous improvement. The Benchmarking trend of the 1990s has evolved with the help of competitive analysis, performance excellence awards, and other corporate recognition programs into an ongoing documentation of what works. Bob Camp introduced benchmarking against a Best Practice based on his work at Xerox in the 1980s. Case studies abound documenting Best Practice functions and processes. Some case studies use the words "Best Practice" without evidence that the process, results, or methods are, indeed, superior. What is

missing is a comprehensive model for assessing and writing a Best Practice that provides sufficient information to use as an effective benchmark. This book provides that comprehensive model. Today's consumers expect products and services to be of high quality, reliable, and user-friendly. This is the result of years of continuous improvement and innovation by producers. Although many organizations strive for excellent results, there is still room for improvement. Unfortunately, leaders don't always have methods and tools to measure or assess that degree of excellence. If leaders could use a tool to discover how good their approaches and methods are, and how excellent their achieved results are, they could plan further improvements. The goal is to achieve excellent results. The tool described in this book guides leaders to achieve that excellence.

Efforts to improve the quality of health-care have failed to achieve a meaningful and sustainable improvement. Patients continue to experience fragmented, inconvenient, and unsafe care while providers are increasingly becoming overburdened with administrative tasks. The need for change is clear. Healthcare professionals need to take on new leadership roles in quality improvement (QI) projects to effect real change. The Quality Improvement Challenge in Healthcare equips readers with the skills and knowledge required to develop and implement successful operational improvement initiatives. Designed for healthcare providers seeking to apply QI in practice, this valuable resource delivers step-by-step guidance on improvement methodology, team dynamics, and organizational change management in the context of real-world healthcare environments. The text integrates the principles and prac-

tices of Lean Six Sigma, human-centered design, and neurosciences to present a field-tested framework. Detailed yet accessible chapters cover topics including identifying and prioritizing the problem, developing improvement ideas, defining the scope of the project, organizing the QI team, implementing and sustaining the improvement, and much more. Clearly explaining each step of the improvement process, this practical guide: Presents the material in a logical sequence, gradually introducing each step of the process with clearly defined workflow templates Features a wealth of examples demonstrating QI application, and case studies emphasizing key concepts to highlight successful and unsuccessful improvement initiatives Includes end-of-chapter exercises and review questions for assessing and reinforcing comprehension Offers practical tips and advice on communicating effectively, leading a team meeting, conducting a tollgate review, and motivating people to change Leading QI projects requires a specific set of skills not taught in medical school. The Quality Improvement Challenge in Healthcare bridges this gap for experienced and trainee healthcare providers, and serves as an important reference for residency program directors, physician educators, healthcare leaders, and health-related professional organizations.

Praise for Directory of Global Professional Accounting and Business Certifications "In a globalized world, employers are confronted by a bewildering variety of professional qualifications, some valid, some less weighty and some spurious and fraudulent. This excellent compilation enables the reader to touch base with such organizations and explore their true credentials through access to their whereabouts including Web sites. It

is additionally pleasing that updates will be provided via the publisher's own Web site." --Professor Dr. Gerald Vinten Deputy Principal, Thames Graduate School, Ilford, London Past president, chairman and committee chair, and member of several professional bodies (including the Institute of Internal Auditors, Royal Society of Health, CIPFA, and AAT) "I've often wondered what the 'alphabet soup' after some colleagues' names means and how impressed I really should be. Now I can find out!...This directory will be a valuable reference guide for human resource professionals and anyone else who wants to know what those letters mean and how seriously to take them." -James Roth, PhD, CIA, CCSA President, AuditTrends "The Directory of Global Professional Accounting and Business Certifications by Lal Balkaran is an indispensable reference source for anyone involved in the international accounting, auditing, and business professions. It is global, comprehensive, accurate, and easy to use. It is like having a personal contact book to all the world's professional organizations." --Belverd E. Needles Jr. Ernst & Young Alumni Professor, DePaul University Organized as a directory for easy reference of accounting and business designations, designatory letters, and contact information of all disciplines, Directory of Global Professional Accounting and Business Certifications contains over 960 bodies administering well in excess of 2000 designations and designatory letters in 145 countries. This handy, yet comprehensive, directory also provides an index with a country-by-country listing of the professional designations that exist there.

Thoroughly tested and used by students and proven to help students taking the American Society for Quality's Certified Quality Improvement Associate exam, Es-

entials of Quality is highly accessible, experiential, and unique in its coverage of current quality management topics, from creative and innovative improvements and approaches to today's economic environment to ways of developing metrics for measuring and evaluating programs. With non-academic, reader-friendly writing, the text features many chapter exercise and cases that provide students with hands-on experience.

Modular Kaizen is a development of necessity. Improvement has to happen on the fly in our rapidly changing world. This book is about using the resources, people, and schedules already in place to get things done. Modular Kaizen is the counterpoint to a kaizen blitz, in which team members are confined in a room to hammer out an opportunity or a solution to some problem. In the hectic, interrupt-driven environment of many organizations, it is simply not possible to remove critical players from normal operations for any length of time. Grace Duffy draws on 40 years of experience to incorporate techniques, innovations, and lessons learned in pursuit of effective continuous and breakthrough improvement. Part I provides the conceptual model along with steps and tools for process and system improvement in an extremely busy and interrupt-driven workplace. Part II offers three case studies—from manufacturing, healthcare, and aerospace—to show how the techniques work in real time. If you are looking for proven approaches to integrating quality improvement into daily work, this is your book. It is written for those of us who have to “get it done,” not just talk about it. So roll up your sleeves and dig in.

A systematic approach to improving production and quality systems, total pro-

ductive maintenance (TPM) involves all employees through a moderate investment in maintenance. Therefore, a successful TPM implementation requires support of all employees from C-level on down. Total Productive Maintenance: Strategies and Implementation Guide highlights the

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"Nurses play a vital role in improving the safety and quality of patient care -- not only in the hospital or ambulatory treatment facility, but also of community-based care and the care performed by family members. Nurses need know what proven techniques and interventions they can use to enhance patient outcomes. To address this need, the Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality (AHRQ), with additional funding from the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, has prepared this comprehensive, 1,400-page, handbook for nurses on pa-

tient safety and quality -- Patient Safety and Quality: An Evidence-Based Handbook for Nurses. (AHRQ Publication No. 08-0043)." - online AHRQ blurb, <http://www.ahrq.gov/qual/nursesfdbk/>

The job market continues to change. Highly skilled and specialized workers are in demand. Traditional education cannot meet all the needs to create specialty skill workers. Certification provides up-to-date training and development while promoting individual or professional skills and knowledge in a focused manner. Certification as a way of continuing professional education can also be more cost effective.

Are you trying to improve performance, but find that the same problems keep getting in the way? Safety, health, environmental quality, reliability, production, and security are at stake. You need the long-term planning that will keep the same issues from recurring. Root Cause Analysis Handbook: A Guide to Effective Incident Investigation is a powerful tool that gives you a detailed step-by-step process for learning from experience. Reach for this handbook any time you need field-tested advice for investigating, categorizing, reporting and trending, and ultimately eliminating the root causes of incidents. It includes step-by-step instructions, checklists, and forms for performing an analysis and enables users to effectively incorporate the methodology and apply it to a variety of situations. Using the structured techniques in the Root Cause Analysis Handbook, you will: Understand why root causes are important. Identify and define inherent problems. Collect data for problem-solving. Analyze data for root causes. Generate practical recommendations. The third edition of this global classic is the most comprehensive, all-in-one

package of book, downloadable resources, color-coded RCA map, and licensed access to online resources currently available for Root Cause Analysis (RCA). Called by users "the best resource on the subject" and "in a league of its own." Based on globally successful, proprietary methodology developed by ABS Consulting, an international firm with 50 years' experience in 35 countries. Root Cause Analysis Handbook is widely used in corporate training programs and college courses all over the world. If you are responsible for quality, reliability, safety, and/or risk management, you'll want this comprehensive and practical resource at your fingertips. The book has also been selected by the American Society for Quality (ASQ) and the Risk and Insurance Society (RIMS) as a "must have" for their members.

#1 New York Times Bestseller "Significant...The book is both instructive and surprisingly moving." —The New York Times Ray Dalio, one of the world's most successful investors and entrepreneurs, shares the unconventional principles that he's developed, refined, and used over the past forty years to create unique results in both life and business—and which any person or organization can adopt to help achieve their goals. In 1975, Ray Dalio founded an investment firm, Bridgewater Associates, out of his two-bedroom apartment in New York City. Forty years later, Bridgewater has made more money for its clients than any other hedge fund in history and grown into the fifth most important private company in the United States, according to Fortune magazine. Dalio himself has been named to Time magazine's list of the 100 most influential people in the world. Along the way, Dalio discovered a set of unique principles that have led to Bridgewater's ex-

ceptionally effective culture, which he describes as “an idea meritocracy that strives to achieve meaningful work and meaningful relationships through radical transparency.” It is these principles, and not anything special about Dalio—who grew up an ordinary kid in a middle-class Long Island neighborhood—that he believes are the reason behind his success. In *Principles*, Dalio shares what he’s learned over the course of his remarkable career. He argues that life, management, economics, and investing can all be systemized into rules and understood like machines. The book’s hundreds of practical lessons, which are built around his cornerstones of “radical truth” and “radical transparency,” include Dalio laying out the most effective ways for individuals and organizations to make decisions, approach challenges, and build strong teams. He also describes the innovative tools the firm uses to bring an idea meritocracy to life, such as creating “baseball cards” for all employees that distill their strengths and weaknesses, and employing computerized decision-making systems to make believability-weighted decisions. While the book brims with novel ideas for organizations and institutions, *Principles* also offers a clear, straightforward approach to decision-making that Dalio believes anyone can apply, no matter what they’re seeking to achieve. Here, from a man who has been called both “the Steve Jobs of investing” and “the philosopher king of the financial universe” (*CIO* magazine), is a rare opportunity to gain proven advice unlike anything you’ll find in the conventional business press.

A comprehensive reference manual to the Certified Quality Engineer Body of Knowledge and study guide for the CQE exam.

Based on the IOM's estimate of 44,000

deaths annually, medical errors rank as the eighth leading cause of death in the U.S. Clearly medical errors are an epidemic that needs to be contained. Despite these numbers, patient safety and medical errors remain an issue for physicians and other clinicians. This book bridges the issues related to patient safety by providing clinically relevant, vignette-based description of the areas where most problems occur. Each vignette highlights a particular issue such as communication, human factors, E.H.R., etc. and provides tools and strategies for improving quality in these areas and creating a safer environment for patients.

Each year, more than 33 million Americans receive health care for mental or substance-use conditions, or both. Together, mental and substance-use illnesses are the leading cause of death and disability for women, the highest for men ages 15-44, and the second highest for all men. Effective treatments exist, but services are frequently fragmented and, as with general health care, there are barriers that prevent many from receiving these treatments as designed or at all. The consequences of this are serious—for these individuals and their families; their employers and the workforce; for the nation’s economy; as well as the education, welfare, and justice systems. *Improving the Quality of Health Care for Mental and Substance-Use Conditions* examines the distinctive characteristics of health care for mental and substance-use conditions, including payment, benefit coverage, and regulatory issues, as well as health care organization and delivery issues. This new volume in the *Quality Chasm* series puts forth an agenda for improving the quality of this care based on this analysis. Patients and their families, primary health

care providers, specialty mental health and substance-use treatment providers, health care organizations, health plans, purchasers of group health care, and all involved in health care for mental and substance use conditions will benefit from this guide to achieving better care. Little in the current world is simple. Nothing comes in a box for us to add water and stir. There are those, however, who have been successful and who are willing to share their success. The messages in The Public Health Quality Improvement Handbook are from leaders, physicians, practitioners, academics, consultants, and researchers who are successfully applying the tools and techniques they share. The chapters are written to support the leaders and workforce of our public health community. This book, a collaboration between ASQ and the Public Health Foundation, is an anthology of chapters written by subject matter experts in public health who are successfully meeting client needs, working together to maximize outcomes, and expanding their collaboration with community partners to encourage better health within neighborhoods, counties, and states. There has never been a better time or a more needed one for us to harness the energy, enthusiasm, hard work, and dedication of our public health workforce to make a lasting difference. By effectively using quality improvement tools and techniques, we can and will improve our nation's health.

For decades, organizations around the world have been using quality concepts and practices to improve performance and increase productivity. Now as other organizations strive to achieve similar results, they are often struggling to unders-

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