

Implementing evidence-based organization and its impact on quality of care

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Abstract

The presentation will address how European hospitals have implemented patient safety strategies (PSS) and evidence-based organization of care pathways (EBOP) and examine the extent to which this is related to clinical quality of care in 294 clinical departments in 7 EU countries. There were substantial gaps between evidence and practice of PSS and EBOP in a sample of European hospitals and variations due to country differences were less important than within-country variations. A reflection will be done on the impact of this results into the effectiveness of current strategies of Agencies supporting quality development in different Member States. □