Presenting an Innovative Approach to Practice Breakdown

National Council of State Boards of Nursing’s (NCSBN®) new book Nursing Pathways for Patient Safety will be published Oct. 1, 2009. Written by a distinguished panel of experts seeking to create a change in the current state of health care safety management, this book examines the issues surrounding practice breakdown in a way that looks beyond individual errors and instead, examines practice breakdown from a system perspective.

The book provides an introduction to NCSBN’s Practice Breakdown Initiative, including the TERCAP® (Taxonomy of Error Root Cause Analysis Practice-responsibility) assessment tool, and a systematic review of eight types of practice breakdowns, such as those involving medication administration and attentiveness/surveillance. Additionally, the book provides compelling case studies in each chapter based on actual instances of practice breakdown.

Nursing Pathways for Patient Safety is an essential tool for all individuals in health care management positions or those currently studying for a career in the field.

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