



Summary of this bulletin

Three resources for consumers and healthcare professionals:

- Rx for Change Interventions Database update;*
- CAPS Transitions toolkit;*
- Doctor Innovation: Shaking up the health system.*

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Rx for Change Interventions Database updated on 6 October 2009

Rx for Change Interventions Database, housed on the Canadian Agency for Drugs and Technologies in Health (CADTH) website is a unique, accessible and 'first of its kind' tool to support evidence-based prescribing and medicines use. Originally published online in April 2007, it contains 'summaries of key findings from systematic reviews that evaluate strategies targeting professionals, organisation of health care, and consumers'.

A major update of the database was published on 6 October, with the work undertaken by the Cochrane Consumers and Communication Review Group and the Cochrane Effective Practice and Organisation of Care (EPOC). The *consumer* section of the database now contains summaries of 54 reviews of interventions directed to consumers to promote safe and effective medicines use. In addition, all eight of the consumer intervention category summaries have been substantially updated with new evidence; and a large number of new reviews of interventions directed to professionals and the organisation of care have also been added to the database in this most recent update.

Rx for Change database: <http://www.cadth.ca/index.php/en/compus/interventions>

Taking Charge of your Healthcare: Your path to being an empowered patient—A new toolkit from Consumers Advancing Patient Safety (CAPS)

Consumers Advancing Patient Safety CAPS is a consumer-led non-profit organisation, based in the US, formed to be a collective voice for individuals, families and healthcare professionals. Their new toolkit aims to help patients and their family members manage the transition from hospital to home. Elements of the toolkit include: Staying safe when you leave hospital; Talking to your doctor or nurse; and Communicating with patients and families for smooth, safe transitions. This is a valuable resource doctors can give to their patients.

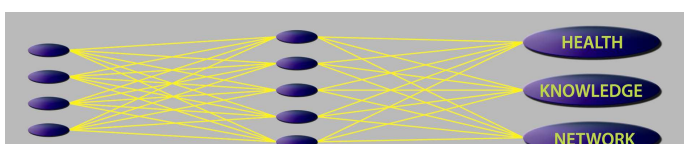
CAPS toolkits: <http://www.patientsafety.org/page/transtoolkit/>

Doctor Innovation: Shaking up the health system

This is the second in a series of reports to be published in 2009 by the Economist Intelligence Unit. This report focuses on impediments to innovation in healthcare outcomes, and it finds that new approaches exist which demonstrate how healthcare systems could be improved. It is based on interviews with a range of over 700 healthcare professionals and leading experts in the US, UK, Germany and India. It suggests that healthcare professionals and policy makers should focus on five main areas of innovation including: Sharing information, especially on the outcome of treatments, to improve quality; Bringing outside entrepreneurship to health care; Delivering integrated care based on medical conditions rather than provider expertise; and Treating patients as a source of innovation. The report is commissioned by Philips.

Doctor innovation report: http://graphics.eiu.com/marketing/pdf/Philips_Shaking_up.pdf

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