



Editor
David P Stevens (USA)

Publisher
Janet O'Flaherty

Journal Manager
Claire Jura

Production Editor
Malcolm Smith

Editorial Assistant
Francesca Grillo

Guidelines for Authors and Reviewers

Full instructions are available online at <http://ip.bmj.com/ifora>. Articles must be submitted electronically <http://submit-ip.bmj.com>. Authors retain copyright but are required to grant *Quality and Safety in Health Care* an exclusive licence to publish <http://qshc.bmj.com/ifora/licence.dtl>

Impact factor: 2.554

Disclaimer: *Quality and Safety in Health Care* is owned and published by BMJ Publishing Group Ltd, a wholly owned subsidiary of the British Medical Association. The owner grants editorial freedom to the Editor of *Quality and Safety in Health Care*.

Quality and Safety in Health Care follows guidelines on editorial independence produced by the World Association of Medical Editors and the code on good publication practice of the Committee on Publication Ethics.

Quality and Safety in Health Care is intended for medical professionals and is provided without warranty, express or implied. Statements in the journal are the responsibility of their authors and advertisers and not authors' institutions, the BMJ Publishing Group Ltd or the BMA unless otherwise specified or determined by law. Acceptance of advertising does not imply endorsement.

To the fullest extent permitted by law, the BMJ Publishing Group shall not be liable for any loss, injury or damage resulting from the use of *Quality and Safety in Health Care* or any information in it whether based on contract, tort, or otherwise. Readers are advised to verify any information they choose to rely on.

Quality & Safety in Health Care (formerly *Quality in Health Care*) was founded in 1992 to meet the growing need for a journal to reflect and report initiatives to improve quality of health care. It is an interdisciplinary journal with an international readership and contributions from all healthcare professions

Associate Editors

Jim Battles (USA)	Carole Lannon (USA)
Dave Davis (USA)	Kathryn McPherson (New Zealand)
Mary Dixon-Woods (UK)	Greg Ogrinc (USA)
Glyn Elwyn (UK)	Richard Thomson (UK)
Carol Haraden (USA)	Douglas Wakefield (USA)
Linda Headrick (USA)	
Julie Johnson (Australia)	

Subscription Information

Quality and Safety in Health Care is published bimonthly (subscribers receive all supplements)

Institutional Rates 2010

Print
£296; US\$577; €400

Online
Site licences are priced on FTE basis and allow access by the whole institution. Print is available at deeply discounted rates for online subscribers; details available online at <http://group.bmj.com/group/subs-sales/subscriptions> or contact the Subscription Manager in the UK (see above right)

Personal Rates 2010

Print (include online access at no additional cost)
£179; US\$349; €242

Online only
£79; US\$154; €107

ISSN 1475-3898 (print)
ISSN 1475-3901 (online)

Personal print or online only and institutional print subscriptions may be purchased online at <http://group.bmj.com/group/subs-sales/subscriptions> (payment by Mastercard/Visa only)

Residents of some EC countries must pay VAT; for details, call us or visit <http://group.bmj.com/group/subs-sales/subscriptions/subs-vat>

Copyright: © 2010 BMJ Publishing Group. All rights reserved; no part of this publication may be reproduced, stored in a retrieval system or transmitted in any form or by any means, electronic, mechanical, photocopying, recording or otherwise without prior permission of *Quality and Safety in Health Care*

Quality and Safety in Health Care is published by BMJ Publishing Group Ltd, typeset by TNQ and printed in the UK on acid-free paper by Latimer Trend, Plymouth, UK.

Quality and Safety in Health Care (ISSN 1475-3898) is published bimonthly by BMJ Publishing Group and distributed in the USA by Mercury International Ltd. Periodicals postage paid at Rahway, NJ. POSTMASTER: send address changes to *Quality and Safety in Health Care*, Mercury International Ltd, 365 Blair Road, Avenel, NJ 07001, USA.

Contact Details

Editorial Office

BMJ Publishing Group Ltd, BMA House
Tavistock Square, London, WC1H 9JR, UK
T: +44 (0)20 7383 6235
F: +44 (0)20 7383 6668
E: qshc@bmjgroup.com

Permissions

See <http://journals.bmj.com/misc/permissions.dtl>

Supplement Enquires

T: +44 (0)20 7383 6088
F: +44 (0)20 7554 6795
E: journals@bmjgroup.com

Subscriptions (except USA)

Subscription Manager, BMJ Journals
BMJ Publishing Group, PO Box 299
London WC1H 9TD, UK
T: +44 (0)20 7383 6270
F: +44 (0)20 7383 6402
E: subscriptions@bmjgroup.com
<http://group.bmj.com/group/subs-sales/subscriptions>

US Subscriptions

PP&F
PO Box 361,
Birmingham, AL 35201-0361
T: +1 800 348 6473 (toll free in the USA)
F: +1 205 995 1588
E: bmj-clinicalevidence@ebSCO.com

Advertising

Display Advertising Sales

Nick Gray (Sales Manager)
T: +44 (0)20 7383 6386
F: +44 (0)20 7383 6556
E: ngray@bmjgroup.com
<http://group.bmj.com/group/advertising>

Online Advertising Sales

Marc Clifford (Sales Manager)
T: +44 (0) 20 7383 6161
F: +44 (0) 20 7383 6556
E: mclifford@bmjgroup.com
<http://group.bmj.com/group/advertising>

Author Reprints

Reprints Administrator
T: +44 (0)150 251 5161
F: +44 (0)207 554 6185
E: admin.reprints@bmjgroup.com

Commercial Reprints (except USA & Canada)

Nadia Gurney-Randall
T: +44 (0)20 8445 5825
M: +44 (0)07866 262344
F: +44 (0)20 8445 5870
E: ngurneyrandall@bmjgroup.com

Commercial Reprints (USA & Canada)

Marsha Fogler
T: +1 800 482 1450 (toll free in the USA)
T: +1 856 489 4446 (outside the USA)
F: +1 856 489 4449
E: mfogler@medicalreprints.com