

HEALTHCARE IMPROVEMENT Evidence Update

All articles published in **August 2026** unless otherwise stated & in alphabetical order by journal / website

QUALITY IMPROVEMENT



- [Enhancing awareness of safe medication prescribing to improve patient care in Singapore General Hospital](#) (BMJ Open Quality)
- [Go Decaf!: implementing 'decaf by default' as a quality improvement intervention to reduce toileting-related falls and improve care environments in acute hospital settings](#) (BMJ Open Quality)
- [Implementing discharge summary documentation: a quality improvement initiative in a Nigerian hospital](#) (BMJ Open Quality)
- [Improving compliance with placental histopathology through labour ward storage and clear referral criteria: a two-site quality improvement report](#) (BMJ Open Quality)
- [Improving diabetic kidney disease screening in a VA resident primary care clinic: a quality improvement initiative](#) (BMJ Open Quality)
- [Reducing postoperative length of stay in low-risk caesarean section: a system-level quality improvement initiative](#) (BMJ Open Quality)
- [Timely care for tiny lives: quality improvement for golden hour management bundle](#) (BMJ Open Quality)
- [Equity in action: a scoping review and meta-framework for embedding equity in quality improvement](#) (BMJ Quality & Safety)
- [Making sense of complexity: reframing healthcare improvement through critical systems thinking and practice](#) (Systems Research and Behavioral Science)

STRATEGY



- [How Care Coordination Varies Internationally: A Study of Primary Care Physicians in 10 Countries](#) (Commonwealth Fund)
- [Department of Health Northern Ireland Strategic Business Plan 2026-27](#) (Department of Health, Northern Ireland)
- [A Place to Grow Old: Securing the future of aged care](#) (Ministry of Health, New Zealand)
- [Building the case for organisation development and workplace culture](#) (NHS Employers)
- [Home truths – what Australia, Japan and Germany can teach us about social care reform](#) (International Longevity Centre UK)
- [Beyond productivity: delivering high-quality, efficient healthcare](#) (Public Policy Projects)
- [Why NHS transformation fails: And what leaders can do about it](#) (Public Policy Projects)
- [Scotland: a five-year whole-system plan for health and care flow](#) (Scottish Government)
- [General practice funding in England - A comprehensive overview and implications for policy](#) (The Health Foundation)
- [The single patient record explained: what could it mean for patients and the health and care system](#) (The King's Fund)

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PATIENTS & PEOPLE



- [Evidence on the links between patient experience and safety: a systematic review](#) (BMJ Open Quality)
- [Historically-Informed Quality Improvement: Applying historical insights from Black women's maternity care to contemporary health service redesign](#) (International Journal for Quality in Health Care)
- [Patients and staff perspectives on hospital ward strain and its impacts on patient care and the workforce: a mixed-methods systematic review](#) (International Journal for Quality in Health Care)
- [Overstimulated in the Emergency Room: A Parental Perspective on Improving Pediatric Hospital Care for Non-Speaking Children With Autism](#) (Journal of Patient Experience)
- [Patient safety partners: 2025 survey review and recommendations](#) (NHS England)

EVENTS



- 30 September 2026: [The power of relationships in delivering health and care: Relational care management workshop](#) – Q, online, 10.00-11.30
- 1 October 2026: [Dignity & Compassion developments at the End of Life](#) – NHS England, online, 16.00-17.00
- 2 October 2026: [Quality Improvement South West National Conference 2026 – AI in Healthcare: Transforming Quality Improvement](#) – in person, Bath, 13.00-18.00
- 7 October 2026: [NHS IMPACT: Flanders Quality Model \(FlaQuM\): Building the invisible engine of quality in healthcare](#) – Masterclass, online, 11.30
- 14 October 2026: [Using collaborative, imaginative and creative methods to engage with people in recovery webinar](#) – Healthcare Improvement Scotland, online, 14.00-14.50
- 15 October 2026: [AI in the NHS 2026](#) – The Health Foundation, London
- 16 November 2026: [NHS IMPACT: Psychological safety in Improvement – part 2](#) – online masterclass, 11.00
- 24 November 2026: [THIS Space 2026](#) – free online, all day
- 26 November 2026: [Common challenges and policy responses: international lessons for the NHS](#) – The Health Foundation, London
- 15 December 2026: [Healing by Nature: co-producing a green health hub](#) – NHS England, online, 10.30-12.00
- 28 January 2027: Save the Date: Quality Conference – London – NHS Alliance & Q Community

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