Resources for Handoffs and Transitions

**Shift – to Shift Handoff Articles**


This article summarizes published handoff education programs as a resource for educators in designing handoff programs that fit their local needs.


This is a systematic review of articles focused on physicians' handoffs. It contains a qualitative review of barriers and strategies and identifies features of structured handoffs that have been effective. It is a good place to start for anyone thinking about beginning or improving upon their handoff process or curriculum. Do not start from scratch! Much has been written on this topic.


This article contains the first published assessment tool for handoff skills. It also describes one institutions’ approach to introducing medical students to the topic.


A primer for how any training program or clinical department can use process improvement tools to understand, standardize, and improve their hand-off processes. Also provides some helpful tips for how to design a process map for novices in QI.


First and only national, randomized controlled trial of a handoff education program that showed reduction in medical errors in institutions that adopted robust handoff education, tools, and protocols.

**Websites**

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