With the increased emphasis on reducing medical errors in an emergency setting, this book focuses on patient safety within the emergency department, where preventable medical errors often occur.

Patient Safety in Emergency Medicine provides both an overview of patient safety within health care—the ‘culture of safety,’ importance of teamwork, organizational change—and specific guidelines on issues such as medication safety, procedural complications, and clinician fatigue, to ensure quality care in the ED. Special sections discuss ED design, medication safety, and awareness of the ‘culture of safety.’