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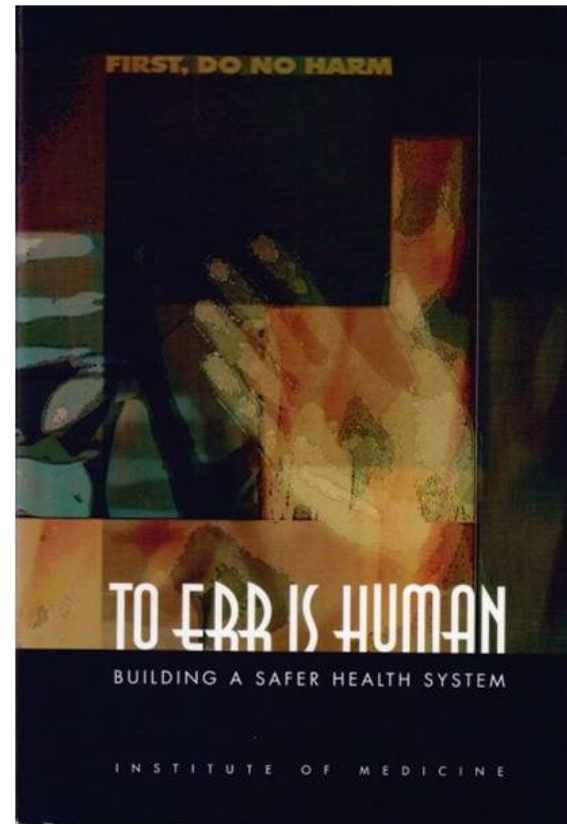
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Learning Objectives

- Describe conditions and notable publications concerning patient safety and quality improvement from 1959 to the present
- Describe the background to the Institute of Medicine reports on patient safety
- Summarize the main findings from several Institute of Medicine reports on quality, patient safety, and health information technology (HIT)
- Describe various ways in which HIT has evolved to improve quality or enhance patient safety

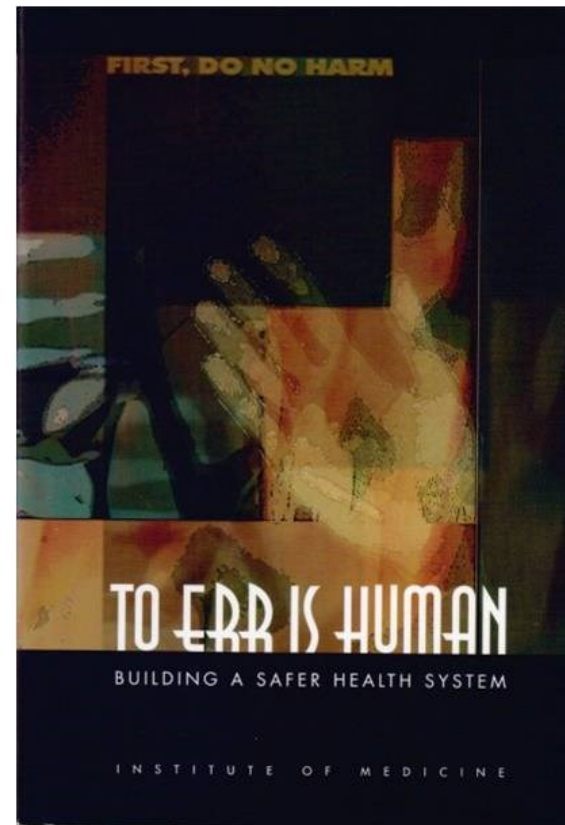
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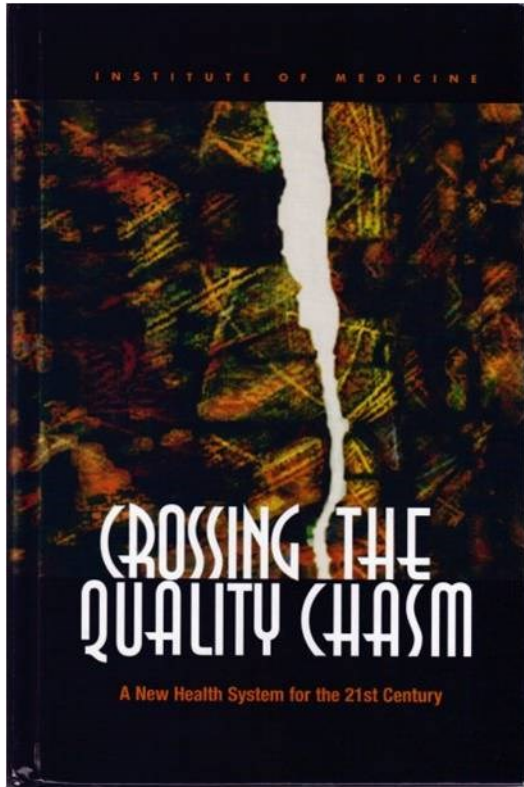
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- Medical errors kill up to 98,000 people annually
- Errors result from a **faulty system** not faulty individuals



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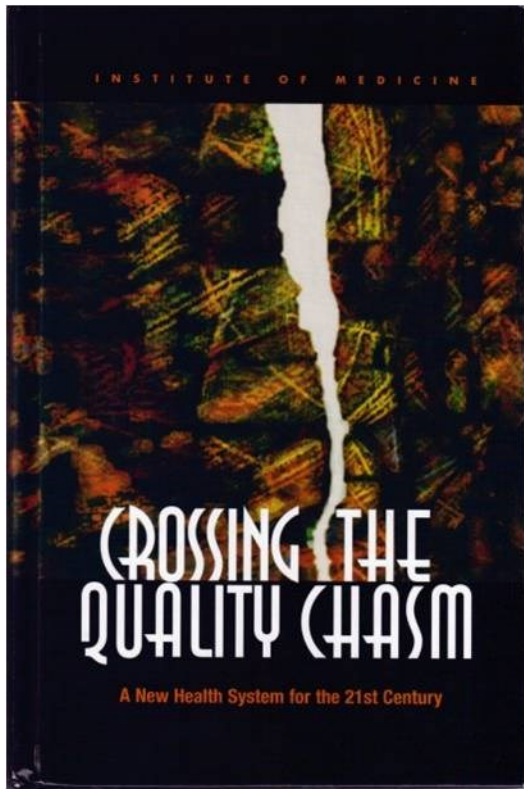
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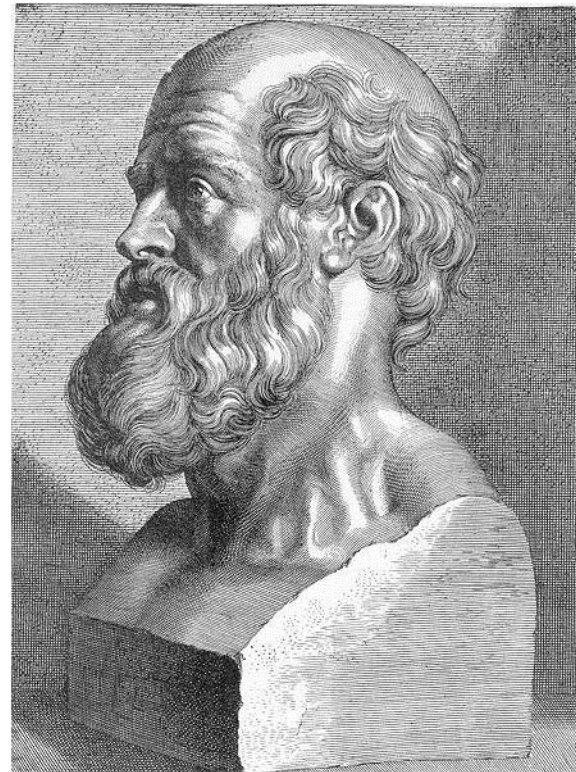


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- Quality of care includes six main components
- Quality is suboptimal
- Health IT can help improve quality in many ways

History of Patient Safety

- 460 BC
- Hippocrates, Greek physician
- Widely considered the father of western medicine
- Hippocratic oath:
“First, do no harm”



Source: (Wikimedia)

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- **1990: “Human Error” by James Reason**

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- 1991: Harvard Medical Practice Studies completed

Sources: (Brennan et al., 1991)
(Leape et al., 1991)



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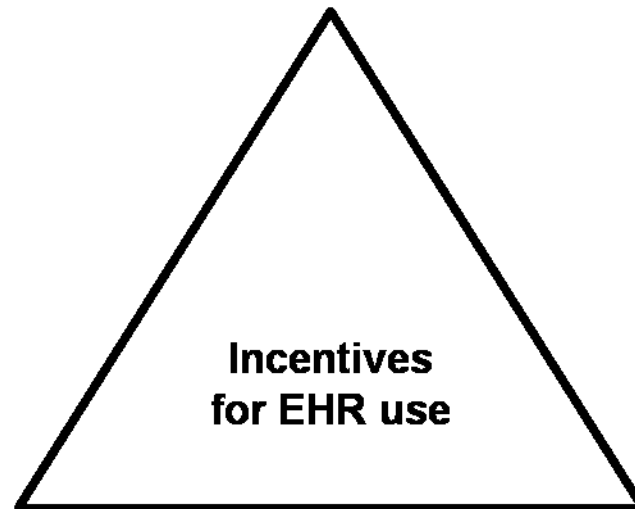
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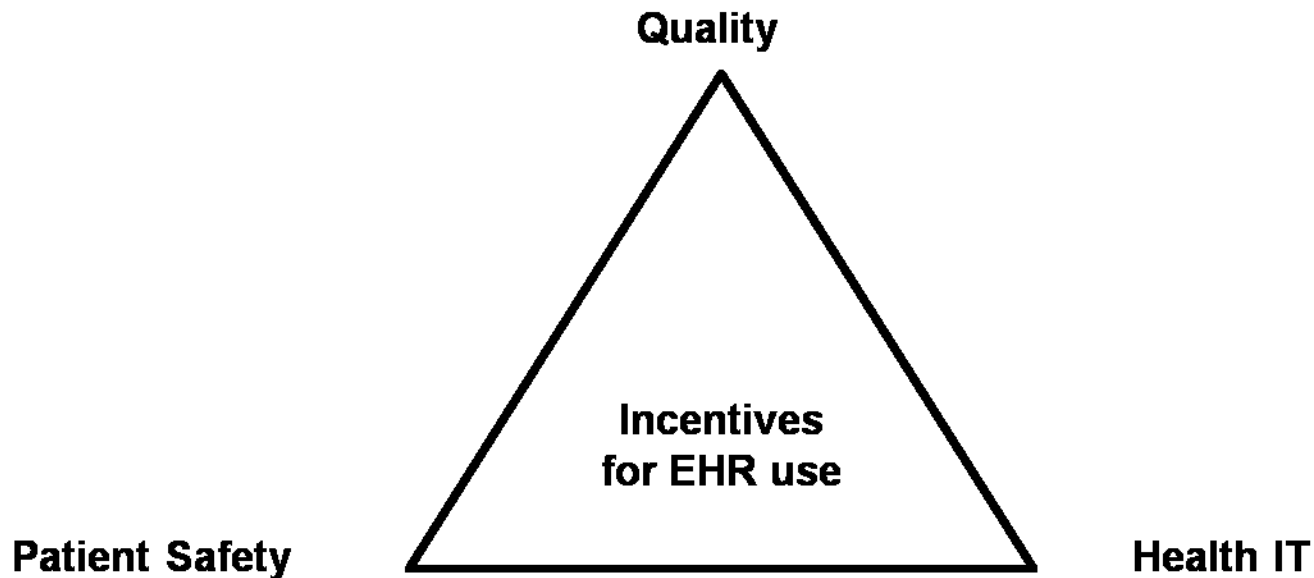
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- Potential of HIT to create harm
- Need for better information about the failures of HIT systems
- Recommendation: Federal government should create new agency to investigate safety of health IT systems

History of Quality Improvement and Patient Safety Summary

- History of Quality Improvement
- Patient Safety key milestones

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