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Patient safety is one of the key points of the current medical practice. However, its definition is still controversial. This book deals with the general definitions and content of patient safety. It is mainly dedicated to emergency care units, but the authors expect to give relevant information to every practitioner, whatever field of interest.

The first sections deal with organizational questions to improve safety. It is clearly stated that the understanding of successes and failures is mandatory, and incident monitoring must be organized in an optimal way to allow effective feedback. The desired organization of an

emergency unit is analyzed, on the architectural point of view as well as medical organization, communication between the members of the team, optimization of human performance, and educating staff and patients. An interesting section deals with the role of the chair of such units.

Even if emergency medicine is a very specialized field with less involvement of the orthopedic surgeons, they will still find some interesting and relevant information for their daily activity.

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