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## Lessons from Implementation Science-- Applications to Safety and Quality in Health Care

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Implementation science is a rapidly evolving, relatively new discipline. In the last few years, focused and systematic approaches to developing and evaluating interventions to support implementation of evidence based practice, in health care and other sectors, have been published. While the evidence for systematic, theory-based approaches is still emerging, most implementation researchers agree that systematizing approaches makes sense, rather than continuing less systematic, scatter-shot approaches. In this talk, I will describe the emerging systematic approaches in implementation science, with examples in practice that illustrate how these approaches can be used in quality improvement and patient safety activities.

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