

University of Michigan Medical School

**“Medical Mishaps: What Do We Know?”**

**First Year Medical Students Mini Course 2002**

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**Session I Medical Mistakes: Clinical Experience and Scientific Studies**

- Harvard New York Medical Practice Study and Colorado-Utah Study
- Literature Review: Residents and Mishaps
- Problems in Terminology: Mistakes? Adverse Events? Preventability?

Guest:

Discussion of case studies

Suggested Reading:

- “Harvard Medical Practice Study.” *New England Journal of Medicine*. 324.6 (1991): 370-376; 377-84
- Leape L. “Error in Medicine.” *JAMA*. 272.23 (December 12,1994).

Assignment:

Select an expert website / take data you consider useful / share with class

**Session II Public Pressure: The Institute of Medicine Report “To Err is Human”**

- Highlights

Goals:

Practical and political

Hidden Forces:

Medical Uncertainty and Systems Muck-ups

Suggested Reading:

- IoM Report “To Err is Human” ([www.nap.edu](http://www.nap.edu))

Assignment:

Find critiques of the IoM report / write a one-page summary of critiques

### **Session III Patient Safety Initiatives at the University of Michigan Hospital**

“What They Are” / “What They Do” / “Could They Do Better?” / “Importance of Evaluation”

- Risk Management
- Continuous Quality Improvement
- Patient Safety Initiatives
- Reporting Systems

#### Suggested Reading:

Web sites

#### Assignment:

Prepare a 4x6 pocket card of data you might want every day regarding mishaps

#### Handout:

Important Patient Safety web sites

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