



NAP POLICY STATEMENT ON INTERPROFESSIONAL APPROACHES TO THE PREVENTION OF HEALTH CARE ERRORS

APRIL, 2002 NATIONAL MEETING SUMMARY OF CONFERENCE PROCEEDINGS

On April 13, 2002, the NAP convened its national meeting in Washington, DC in cooperation with the Interdisciplinary Health Care Team Conference to identify interprofessional approaches to the prevention of health care errors. Previous position papers already on this website provided a backdrop for this conference.

In a Keynote address, Dr. Mary Wakefield summarized the recommendations of the Institute of Medicine panel contained in the reports *Crossing the Quality Chasm* and *To Err is Human: Building a Safer Health System*. A panel of members of the NAP and IHCTC reflected on their experience with necessary steps in reducing health care errors. Finally, interdisciplinary round table discussions gave participants a chance to share their views about what needed to be done. Recommended principles were developed in three areas: The healthcare team who must recognize and value the contributions of multiple disciplines; healthcare organizations who must recognize the use of multidisciplinary teams can mean better patient care outcomes; and professional healthcare associations who must provide leadership toward the development of effective interprofessional care models.

The full summary of this conference can be found in Brashers, V, Row, C., Schmitt, M, Suchman, A.(2003) Interprofessional approaches to the prevention of health care errors: Report of April 2002 National Meeting, National Academies Practice/Interdisciplinary Health Care Team Conference. *Journal of Interprofessional Care*. Volume 17(2): 193-198.

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