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Textbook of Pancreatic Cancer Apr 06 2020 This textbook provides a practically applicable resource for understanding the surgical oncology management of pancreatic cancer. It discusses relevant aspects of anatomy and pathophysiology along with the latest diagnostic techniques. Insightful descriptions are then provided detailing how to perform critical surgical procedures when treating these patients. Relevant perioperative management strategies and emerging themes in cancer biology critical to understanding and treating the disease are also

described. The need for cross-discipline collaboration to facilitate and enhance innovation within the discipline is reinforced throughout the text. Each chapter presents the relevant current clinical standards along with areas of controversy in both research and clinical practice within “pearls and pitfalls” sections. *Textbook of Pancreatic Cancer: Principles and Practice of Surgical Oncology* is a detailed work covering the basic material important to trainees as well as advanced curriculum for established specialists in the field from a multi-disciplinary perspective. Therefore, it is crucial resource for all practicing and trainee professionals who encounter these patients in their day-to-day clinical practice.

Design Solutions for Adaptive Hypermedia Listening Software Dec 03 2019 Adaptive hypermedia listening software enables materials writers to combine and deliver a wide range of digital elements on the same digital computer platform more efficiently. Such a combination and delivery provides a multidimensional, multi-sensory digital environment in which rich, efficient, instant, comprehensible, optimum, and meaningful input and feedback can be presented effectively and efficiently. Moreover, language learners’ attention can be drawn to forms and meanings in input. Such aspects correspond with different theories and hypotheses of language learning and teaching. This presents users/learners with an environment that is easy to use, tension-free, and optimal during self-study. However, to be able to design and develop cost effective and professional adaptive hypermedia listening software, there are certain scientific educational findings and implications that need to be implemented at every single stage. To have access to such vital findings is not so easy, and research must address this area. *Design Solutions for Adaptive Hypermedia Listening Software* explores how to design and create technically and pedagogically sound and efficient interactive adaptive hypermedia listening software for language learners in any language. The chapters will cover learner strategy tools, the effectiveness of this technology, best practices in adaptive hypermedia listening software, and the benefits and challenges of this technology for language learning. It is ideal for companies, institutions, teachers, policymakers, academicians, researchers, advanced-level students, technology developers, and decision-making pertinent government officials interested in designing and developing multimedia listening environments for language learners.

Measuring Quality Aug 30 2019 The first edition of this handbook appeared in 1996 and dealt with academic libraries. It gained wide acceptance and was translated into five other languages. After ten years the new edition widens the perspective to public libraries and adds indicators for electronic services and cost-effectiveness. The handbook has been considerably enlarged, from 17 to 40 indicators. It gives practical help by showing examples of possible results for each indicator. The handbook is intended as practical instrument for the evaluation of library services. Although it aims specifically at academic and public libraries, most indicators will also apply to all other types of libraries.

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Improving Indicators of the Quality of Science and Mathematics Education in Grades K-12 Mar 18 2021 This book presents a carefully developed monitoring system to track the progress of mathematics and science education, particularly the effects of ongoing efforts to improve students' scientific knowledge and mathematics competency. It describes an improved series of indicators to assess student learning, curriculum quality, teaching effectiveness, student behavior, and financial and leadership support for mathematics and science education. Of special interest is a critical review of current testing methods and their use in probing higher-order skills and evaluating educational quality.

Social Indicators of Well-Being Sep 23 2021 This is a study about perceptions of well-being. Its purpose is to investigate how these perceptions are organized in the minds of different groups of American adults, to find valid and efficient ways of measuring these perceptions, to suggest ways these measurement methods could be implemented to yield a series of social indicators, and to provide some initial readings on these indicators; i.e., some information about the levels of well-being perceived by Americans. The findings are based on data from

more than five thousand Americans and include results from four separate representative samplings of the American population. One of the ways our research is unusual is that it includes a major methodological component. Typical surveys involve a modest effort at instrument development, the application of the instrument to a group of respondents, and an analysis of the resulting data that mainly describes the people studied. Our work, however, was implemented in a series of sequential cycles, each of which consisted of conceptual development, instrument design, data collection, analysis, and interpretation. Ideas and findings generated in prior cycles affected the design of subsequent cycles.

Toward Quality Measures for Population Health and the Leading Health Indicators Feb 14 2021 The Institute of Medicine (IOM) Committee on Quality Measures for the Healthy People Leading Health Indicators was charged by the Office of the Assistant Secretary for Health to identify measures of quality for the 12 Leading Health Indicator (LHI) topics and 26 Leading Health Indicators in Healthy People 2020 (HP2020), the current version of the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) 10-year agenda for improving the nation's health. The scope of work for this project is to use the nine aims for improvement of quality in public health (population-centered, equitable, proactive, health promoting, risk reducing, vigilant, transparent, effective, and efficient) as a framework to identify quality measures for the Healthy People Leading Health Indicators (LHIs). The committee reviewed existing literature on the 12 LHI topics and the 26 Leading Health Indicators. Quality measures for the LHIs that are aligned with the nine aims for improvement of quality in public health will be identified. When appropriate, alignments with the six Priority Areas for Improvement of Quality in Public Health will be noted in the Committee's report. *Toward Quality Measures for Population Health and the Leading Health Indicators* also address data reporting and analytical capacities that must be available to capture the measures and for demonstrating the value of the measures to improving population health. *Toward Quality Measures for Population Health and the Leading Health Indicators* provides recommendations for how the measures can be used across sectors of the public health and health care systems. The six priority areas (also known as drivers) are population health metrics and information technology; evidence-based practices, research, and evaluation; systems thinking; sustainability and stewardship; policy; and workforce and education.

Hypertension indicators for improving quality and coverage of services, virtual meeting, 1–2 March 2021 May 20 2021 On 1-2 March 2021, the World Health Organization convened representatives of Member States, experts and partners to review hypertension indicators in HEARTS Systems for Monitoring module for tracking performance of hypertension programme at health facility, subnational and national levels, and to provide concrete recommendation to enhance hypertension indicators for improving quality and coverage of services, considering clinical information needs and real-life challenges in patient and programme monitoring systems in countries. This technical report captures the meeting proceedings, conclusions and recommendations and proposes a revised set of core and additional hypertension indicators that countries can apply to their context which will address the following: 1. Inclusion of equity measures such as socio-demographic dimensions of hypertensive population. 2. Alignment with country-specific clinical protocols and targets. 3. Estimation of hypertensive population along the cascade of care. 4. Assessment of comorbidities and complications. 5. Long-term tracking of patients, minimizing losses to follow-up. 6. Continuous improvement of quality of clinical programme.

Research Assessment in the Humanities Oct 01 2019 This book analyses and discusses the recent developments for assessing research quality in the humanities and related fields in the social sciences. Research assessments in the humanities are highly controversial and the evaluation of humanities research is delicate. While citation-based research performance indicators are widely used in the natural and life sciences, quantitative measures for research performance meet strong opposition in the humanities. This volume combines the presentation of state-of-the-art projects on research assessments in the humanities by humanities scholars themselves with a description of the evaluation of humanities research in practice presented by research funders. Bibliometric issues concerning humanities research complete the exhaustive analysis of humanities research assessment. The selection of authors is well-balanced between humanities scholars, research funders, and researchers on higher education. Hence, the edited volume succeeds in painting a comprehensive picture of research evaluation in the humanities. This book is valuable to university and science policy makers, university administrators, research evaluators, bibliometricians as well as humanities scholars who seek expert knowledge in research evaluation in the humanities.

Monitoring Education Aug 03 2022 Fuelled by the interest in school performance league tables, performance monitoring is increasingly influential over the management of education, providing a way to monitor, define and achieve quality in education. *Monitoring Education* aims to contribute to the process of designing systems of monitoring that work. With reference to developments in the US, management strategies for achieving effectiveness are assessed and the meaning and meaningfulness of 'value-added' is considered. The author argues the importance of accurate feedback for staff on performance, of tried and tested practical advice and the setting of realistic attainment goals. Two methods of checking that the educational outcome is satisfactory are considered - the opinion of the students and the reports of inspectors. Students' views are inherently subjective, but the author argues for the validity of measuring student attitudes and makes suggestions for devising an appropriate methodology. The reports of inspectors are supposedly objective - but the assumption is challenged and inspections are shown to be subjective judgements. The reliability of superficial overviews is questioned and the validity and cost-effectiveness of inspectors' reports are investigated. This rigorous and informative study will inform and challenge all those who are responsible for ensuring that quality is achieved - from those at the chalk-face to those researching future policies in education.

Designing Performance Measurement Systems Dec 27 2021 Given our rapidly changing world, companies are virtually forced to engage in continuous performance monitoring. Though Key Performance Indicators (KPIs) may at times seem to be the real driving force behind social systems, economies and organizations, they can also have far-reaching normative

effects, which can modify organizational behavior and influence key decisions – even to the point that organizations themselves tend to become what they measure! Selecting the right performance indicators is hardly a simple undertaking. This book describes in detail the main characteristics of performance measurement systems and summarizes practical methods for defining KPIs, combining theoretical and practical aspects. These descriptions are supported by a wealth of practical examples. The book is intended for all academics, professionals and consultants involved in the analysis and management of KPIs.

Water Quality Indicators Guide Jan 16 2021 Will aid in finding water quality solutions to problems from sediment, animal wastes, nutrients, pesticides and salts. Also helps fulfill the needs of educators for information and guidance to teach water quality in a clear and understandable manner. Extracts basic tenants from many disciplines, such as geology, biology, ecology and wastewater treatment, and focuses those ideas in making decisions about water quality. Over 100 charts, tables, and photos.

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Ecological Water Quality Aug 11 2020 This book attempts to cover various issues of water quality in the fields of Hydroecology and Hydrobiology and present various Water Treatment Technologies. Sustainable choices of water use that prevent water quality problems aiming at the protection of available water resources and the enhancement of the aquatic ecosystems should be our main target.

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Improving the Quality of Care in Nursing Homes Jul 22 2021 As more people live longer, the need for quality long-term care for the elderly will increase dramatically. This volume examines the current system of nursing home regulations, and proposes an overhaul to better provide for those confined to such facilities. It determines the need for regulations, and concludes that the present regulatory system is inadequate, stating that what is needed is not more regulation, but better regulation. This long-anticipated study provides a wealth of useful background information, in-depth study, and discussion for nursing home administrators, students, and teachers in the health care field; professionals involved in caring for the elderly; and geriatric specialists.

Quality Health Care Feb 26 2022 Written by an internationally-recognized expert in the field of quality management, this book will serve as your guide for planning and implementing a successful quality measurement program in your healthcare facility. It begins by presenting an overview of the context for quality measurement, the forces influencing the demand for quality reform, how to listen to the voice of the customer, and the characteristics of quality that customers value most. You'll also learn how to select and define indicators to collect data and how to organize data into a dashboard that can provide feedback on your progress toward quality measurement. Finally, this book shows you how to analyze your data by detailing how variation lives in your data, and whether this variation is acceptable. Case studies are provided to demonstrate how quality measurement can be applied to clinical as well as operational aspects of healthcare delivery.

Patient Safety and Quality Sep 04 2022 "Nurses play a vital role in improving the safety and quality of patient care -- not only in the hospital or ambulatory treatment facility, but also of community-based care and the care performed by family members. Nurses need know what proven techniques and interventions they can use to enhance patient outcomes. To address this need, the Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality (AHRQ), with additional funding from the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, has prepared this comprehensive, 1,400-page, handbook for nurses on patient safety and quality -- *Patient Safety and Quality: An Evidence-Based Handbook for Nurses*. (AHRQ Publication No. 08-0043)." - online AHRQ blurb, <http://www.ahrq.gov/qual/nursesdbk/>

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Performance Management in Healthcare May 08 2020 Performance management, often referred to as process management, is a strategy that can be used to achieve an optimum mix of quality, safety, patient satisfaction and solvency. The basis of performance management is the effective use of resources, as measured by quantifying processes and outcomes using key performance indicators (KPIs) – core measures that gauge the performance of an organization in particular areas. There is more to performance management than selecting a few KPIs from a list and feeding them into a graphical dashboard system. It's about behavior change, leadership, and vision. Written for administrators, clinical staff, process improvement managers and information technology personnel of healthcare organizations, this second edition provides the knowledge necessary to provide the leadership and vision for a performance measurement initiative. This practical resource provides a high-level review of the quality/safety initiatives in healthcare, describes the implementation process from an IT perspective, and offers high-level clinical, financial and cultural details. It features an extensive listing of clinical and non-clinical KPIs: a glossary including financial, medical, and operational terms; and appendices of organizations and sources of indicators and benchmarks.

Practical Pediatric Gastrointestinal Endoscopy Nov 25 2021 The reference text for all those practicing diagnostic and therapeutic pediatric endoscopy – trainees, trainers, specialist endoscopists, gastroenterologists and hepatologists alike. Practical Pediatric Gastrointestinal Endoscopy, 3rd Edition provides a comprehensive and up-to-date exploration for the performance of endoscopy in infants, children and young adults. Written in the form of a complete "how to" manual and filled with step-by-step instructions, this book seeks to bring newcomers to the field of pediatric gastrointestinal endoscopy quickly up to speed. The book is also highly useful for experienced specialist endoscopists and gastroenterologists to brush up on best practice in standard techniques and explore advanced topics in the field. Practical Pediatric Gastrointestinal Endoscopy highlights the substantial and important differences between performing an endoscopy on a mature adult and performing one in a pediatric patient. The differences discussed include: GI pathology Subtleties of diagnostic technique specific to children Application of therapeutic endoscopy to specifically pediatric scenarios Anesthesia and sedation Training and skill maintenance Sophisticated endoscopic techniques adapted from adult endoscopy to children and those techniques specifically orientated to problems and diseases mainly encountered in childhood. This guide is becoming an essential companion for those of us providing diagnostic and therapeutic endoscopy for children in the world today and opens the door to future possibilities in this ever-evolving field.

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Quality of Secondary Education in India Sep 11 2020 This book provides useful insights into quality issues in secondary education in India and addresses the important questions of why there is need to improve the quality of education; how one can measure the quality of education; and the ways to improve quality. The analysis in this book is conceptually designed at three levels: national level performance and linkages; state level progress, disparities and linkages; and determinants of quality education at school level for measuring students learning outcomes and efficient teaching practices. The authors have used both quantitative and qualitative methods to probe into the various issues related to the quality of secondary education at micro and macro levels. This book provides a methodological framework to scholars attempting to measure and evaluate the quality of secondary education under various settings. It

provides interesting insights into the identification of factors determining quality outcomes. The chapters discuss issues related to quality concepts, research methodologies, comparative analysis, key challenges, socio-economic linkages of secondary education, quality of education from students' and teachers' perspectives, quality measurement and policy suggestions. This is a valuable resource for researchers and students in the area of economics of education, education planning and administration, development studies and economics. This book is also useful for educational administrators and policy makers.

Improving Healthcare Quality in Europe Characteristics, Effectiveness and Implementation of Different Strategies Jun 01 2022 This volume, developed by the Observatory together with OECD, provides an overall conceptual framework for understanding and applying strategies aimed at improving quality of care. Crucially, it summarizes available evidence on different quality strategies and provides recommendations for their implementation. This book is intended to help policy-makers to understand concepts of quality and to support them to evaluate single strategies and combinations of strategies.

Handbook of Pediatric Surgery Nov 01 2019 Although pediatric surgery is a distinct and evolving specialty, it still remains an integral part of most general surgical and paediatric medical practice. Nevertheless, surgery in children does differ from adult practice in various fundamental ways, and there are key physiological and anatomical differences that constantly need underlining. Progress and improvement in outcome has also been rapid but it is sometimes difficult for practitioners to keep themselves up-to-date with the usual surgical or paediatric text books. This book will give a concise overview of all important topics and is designed to provide information in order to recognise the common surgical conditions; namely typical symptoms and signs, investigation and then treatment management. It will also provide an anatomical and physiological background to aid understanding, in addition to emphasising logical, and where possible, evidence-based practice by the use of flow charts, tables and algorithms. Authored by an international range of leading contributors, this is the first book of its kind to offer comprehensive coverage to this topic in a quick reference, pocket-book format.

Community Quality-of-Life Indicators Nov 06 2022 This book offers critical insights into the thriving international field of community indicators, incorporating the experiences of government leaders, philanthropic professionals, community planners and a wide range of academic disciplines. It illuminates the important role of community indicators in diverse settings and the rationale for the development and implementation of these innovative projects. This book details many of the practical “how to” aspects of the field as well as lessons learned from implementing indicators in practice. The case studies included here also demonstrate how, using a variety of data applications, leaders of today are monitoring and measuring progress and communities are empowered to make sustainable improvements in their wellbeing. With examples related to the environment, economy, planning, community engagement and health, among others, this book epitomizes the constant innovation, collaborative partnerships and the consummate interdisciplinarity of the community indicators field of today.

Quality-of-Life Community Indicators for Parks, Recreation and Tourism Management Jul 02 2022 While community quality-of-life indicators are gaining much needed attention in both scholarly work and practice, their application in the areas of parks, recreation and tourism management are not as well known. The applicability of indicator systems for natural resource and natural resource area management within the parks and recreation arena is very high, including urban parks and recreation programs and their influence on quality of life. Tourism is also an area that needs much more work in terms of assessing impacts as well as developing indicators for gauging progress in the long term. All three areas are an integrated discipline and most programs throughout the developed world are housed co-jointly. There are several researchers across the globe who are conducting innovative work in these areas. The editors feel that a volume on the topic will spur additional interests as well as serve to lead the research efforts.

Indicators of milk and beef quality Mar 30 2022 The farming and agri-food sectors are faced with an increasing demand by consumers for high-quality products. The current major questions are thus how to define quality, and how to increase the quality of animal products to satisfy these new requirements. This is the reason why the Cattle Commission of the European Association of Animal Production (EAAP) organised a specific session on this topic in September 2004. This session dealt with the manipulation and evaluation of bovine milk and meat composition and quality using various indicators (commercial, physical, biochemical, molecular or other). These indicators are any method, biological trait, or physical property which may be useful to predict a quality trait. Quality includes; sensory traits, nutritional properties of products, their ability to be processed and also any consideration of traceability (genetic, geographic or nutritional traceability). Thus, the full spectrum of quality attributes is discussed. Indicators may also be considered as predictors. In this respect, contributors discuss the detection early in life of the ability of animals to produce meat or milk of high quality. Indicators may also be useful for consumers when they buy meat or milk, as official or commercial signs of quality.

Measuring Quality: Education Indicators Jan 28 2022 Moves to develop indicators about school effectiveness and performance have been driven by national trends and debates about performance and accountability. Nationally set indicators – such as the standard assessment tasks, or the publication of performance in public examinations – have increasingly become part of the new education currency: a medium for exercising choice and decision-making in the new education market place. As contributors to this book suggest, such a framework is not unproblematic. Originally published in 1994, this book offers a number of insights into the general debate about performance indicators at the time. It explores the background to the debate; the differing perspectives of policy-makers and practitioners; and the purpose, audiences and values of education indicators, both in the UK and elsewhere.

Indicators of Quality of Life in Latin America Oct 05 2022 This volume sheds new light on the use of quantitative, qualitative and synthetic indicators for the measurement of quality

of life in different countries of Latin America. Organized in three parts, the book presents the methodology for the construction of new indicators, discusses quality of urban life from a geographical perspective, and examines quality of life of different populations. The book focuses on the social, economic, political, geographical and demographic dimensions. It covers a wide range of topics, including the ways to measure social, political and spatial inequalities, the changes in urban quality of life, the construction of a synthetic indicator for the assessment of habitability, the measuring of spatial segregation in midsize and smaller cities by using thematic cartography and synthesis maps, and the concept of habitability. It includes research conducted on the quality of life of different population groups: working boys and girls, high-school students, and older people.

Health Data in the Information Age Feb 03 2020 Regional health care databases are being established around the country with the goal of providing timely and useful information to policymakers, physicians, and patients. But their emergence is raising important and sometimes controversial questions about the collection, quality, and appropriate use of health care data. Based on experience with databases now in operation and in development, *Health Data in the Information Age* provides a clear set of guidelines and principles for exploiting the potential benefits of aggregated health data without jeopardizing confidentiality. A panel of experts identifies characteristics of emerging health database organizations (HDOs). The committee explores how HDOs can maintain the quality of their data, what policies and practices they should adopt, how they can prepare for linkages with computer-based patient records, and how diverse groups from researchers to health care administrators might use aggregated data. *Health Data in the Information Age* offers frank analysis and guidelines that will be invaluable to anyone interested in the operation of health care databases.

Improving Palliative Care for Cancer Oct 13 2020 In our society's aggressive pursuit of cures for cancer, we have neglected symptom control and comfort care. Less than one percent of the National Cancer Institute's budget is spent on any aspect of palliative care research or education, despite the half million people who die of cancer each year and the larger number living with cancer and its symptoms. *Improving Palliative Care for Cancer* examines the barriers—scientific, policy, and social—that keep those in need from getting good palliative care. It goes on to recommend public- and private-sector actions that would lead to the development of more effective palliative interventions; better information about currently used interventions; and greater knowledge about, and access to, palliative care for all those with cancer who would benefit from it.

Handbook of Social Indicators and Quality of Life Research Dec 07 2022 The aim of the *Handbook of Social Indicators and Quality of Life Research* is to create an overview of the field of Quality of Life (QOL) studies in the early years of the 21st century that can be updated and improved upon as the field evolves and the century unfolds. Social indicators are statistical time series “...used to monitor the social system, helping to identify changes and to guide intervention to alter the course of social change”. Examples include unemployment rates, crime rates, estimates of life expectancy, health status indices, school enrollment rates, average achievement scores, election voting rates, and measures of subjective well-being such as satisfaction with life-as-a-whole and with specific domains or aspects of life. This book provides a review of the historical development of the field including the history of QOL in medicine and mental health as well as the research related to quality-of-work-life (QWL) programs. It discusses several of QOL main concepts: happiness, positive psychology, and subjective wellbeing. Relations between spirituality and religiousness and QOL are examined as are the effects of educational attainment on QOL and marketing, and the associations with economic growth. The book goes on to investigate methodological approaches and issues that should be considered in measuring and analysing quality of life from a quantitative perspective. The final chapters are dedicated to research on elements of QOL in a broad range of countries and populations.

Advances in Information Retrieval Nov 13 2020 This book constitutes the refereed proceedings of the 33rd annual European Conference on Information Retrieval Research, ECIR 2011, held in Dublin, Ireland, in April 2010. The 45 revised full papers presented together with 24 poster papers, 17 short papers, and 6 tool demonstrations were carefully reviewed and selected from 223 full research paper submissions and 64 poster/demo submissions. The papers are organized in topical sections on text categorization, recommender systems, Web IR, IR evaluation, IR for Social Networks, cross-language IR, IR theory, multimedia IR, IR applications, interactive IR, and question answering /NLP.

Indicators of Land Quality and Sustainable Land Management Oct 25 2021 This bibliography is a review of available information on indicators of sustainable land management and land quality. The report compiles, organizes, and summarizes available data and information on indicators and makes them accessible through the World Wide Web, email, and as printed reports. It is useful for research on indicators of sustainability, as well as for decisionmakers faced with implementing a sustainable land management component in rural development projects.