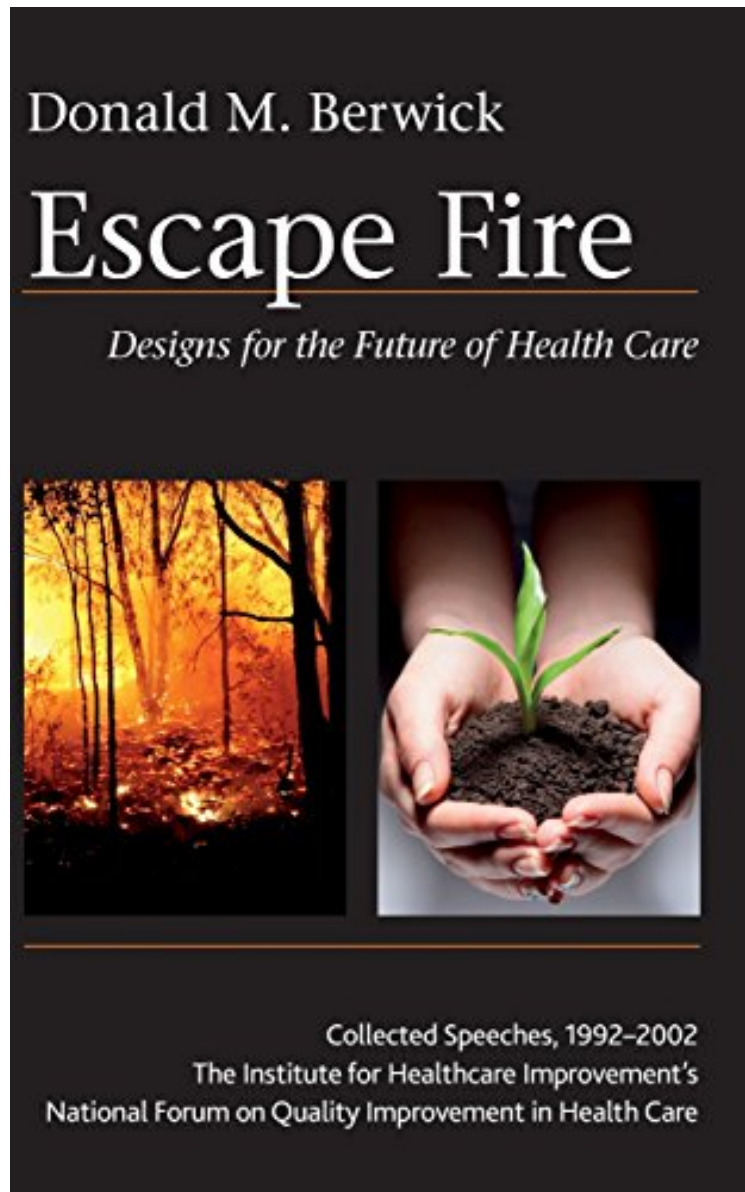


[Read and download] Escape Fire: Designs for the Future of Health Care

Escape Fire: Designs for the Future of Health Care

Donald M. Berwick

**Download PDF / ePub / DOC / audiobook / ebooks*



DOWNLOAD



READ ONLINE

#796582 in Books Jossey-Bass 2003-12-01 Original language: English PDF # 1 9.30 x 1.00 x 6.351, 1.35 #File Name: 0787972177315 pages | File size: 21.Mb

Donald M. Berwick : Escape Fire: Designs for the Future of Health Care before purchasing it in order to gauge whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Escape Fire: Designs for the Future of Health Care:

1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. great work from a great thinker in health care policy By mackathis collection of don berwick's essays is a reminder that health care improvement can happen, has been implemented successfully and needs to be worked on continuously to achieve widespread results. his speeches include inspirational

stories and thoughtful frameworks for implementation.² of 2 people found the following review helpful. Outstanding Introduction to understanding the many aspects of Quality Management By I. A. Kaufman I liked this item so well, this was a reorder from a few years ago. I gifted this one to a co-worker who wanted to understand more about quality improvement and error avoidance. This is a very informative book and a very interesting read, packed with important ideas and concepts.¹ of 1 people found the following review helpful. Berwick revisited! By J. Miller Been a fan of Don Berwick for over 20 years. Though this book was published before so much has happened in U.S. healthcare policy, it provides a review of Berwick's thinking that continues to serve us well.

Spanning a decade (1992-2002), these speeches echo the theme that our health care system needs fundamental change and a revolutionary new design. Throughout the book, Berwick identifies innovations and ideas from a number of surprising sources; a girls' soccer team, a sinking ship, and the safety standards at NASA. *Escape Fire* takes its title from the 1949 Mann Gulch tragedy in which thirteen young firefighters were trapped in a wildfire on a Montana hillside. The firefighter's leader, Wag Dodge, devised a creative solution for avoiding the encroaching fire. He burned a patch of grass and lay down in the middle of the scorched earth. His team refused to join him, and most perished in the fire. Dodge survived. Berwick applies the lessons learned from the catastrophe to our ailing health care system; we must not let ingrained processes obstruct life-saving innovation. Not content to simply define the problems with our flawed system, Berwick outlines new designs and suggests practical tools for change: name the problem, build on success, take leaps of faith, look outside of the medical field, set aims, understand systems, make action lists, and; the most fundamental of all; never lose sight of the patient as the central figure.

"In this vibrant book, Don Berwick speaks about one of the most vexing issues of our time with compelling competence, penetrating clarity, relentless honesty, and heart-warming humor. In an era when so many public voices lack these qualities, Berwick gives us reason to hope that our most difficult social problems have solutions that are within reach. We are the solution, of course; if we are willing to emulate the intellectual and moral courage modeled by leaders like Don Berwick." --Parker J. Palmer, author, *The Courage to Teach and Let Your Life Speak* "[Berwick's] target is a health care system that has evolved primarily to serve the needs and interests of those who work in the system; doctors, nurses, administrators, payors, insurers; rather than the needs and interests of patients." --from the Introduction by Frank Davidoff --Frank Davidoff "In this vibrant book, Don Berwick speaks about one of the most vexing issues of our time with compelling competence, penetrating clarity, relentless honesty, and heart-warming humor. In an era when so many public voices lack these qualities, Berwick gives us reason to hope that our most difficult social problems have solutions that are within reach. We are the solution, of course; if we are willing to emulate the intellectual and moral courage modeled by leaders like Don Berwick." --Parker J. Palmer, author, *The Courage to Teach and Let Your Life Speak* "[Berwick's] target is a health care system that has evolved primarily to serve the needs and interests of those who work in the system; doctors, nurses, administrators, payors, insurers; rather than the needs and interests of patients." --from the Introduction by Frank Davidoff From the Inside Flap Dr. Donald Berwick offers health care professionals a ray of hope in this provocative book that contains eleven of his most compelling speeches. Berwick's brilliant and impassioned speeches; delivered at the Institute for Healthcare Improvement's annual National Forum on Quality Improvement in Health Care; explore the need to ensure every patient the benefit of care that draws on the best scientific knowledge available. Spanning a decade (1992;2002), these speeches echo the theme that our health care system needs fundamental change and a revolutionary new design. Throughout the book, Berwick identifies innovations and ideas from a number of surprising sources; a girls' soccer team, a sinking ship, and the safety standards at NASA. *Escape Fire* takes its title from the 1949 Mann Gulch tragedy in which thirteen young firefighters were trapped in a wildfire on a Montana hillside. The firefighter's leader, Wag Dodge, devised a creative solution for avoiding the encroaching fire. He burned a patch of grass and lay down in the middle of the scorched earth. His team refused to join him, and most perished in the fire. Dodge survived. Berwick applies the lessons learned from the catastrophe to our ailing health care system; we must not let ingrained processes obstruct life-saving innovation. Not content to simply define the problems with our flawed system, Berwick outlines new designs and suggests practical tools for change: name the problem, build on success, take leaps of faith, look outside of the medical field, set aims, understand systems, make action lists, and; the most fundamental of all; never lose sight of the patient as the central figure.