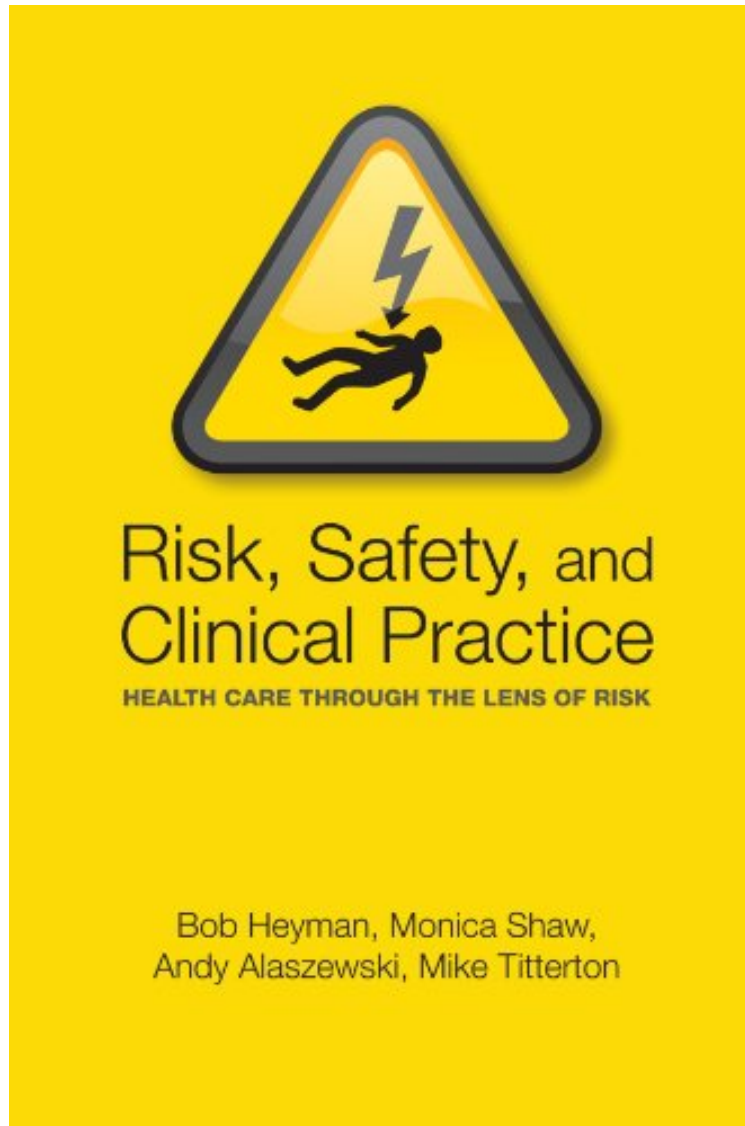


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admirably, and will prove invaluable to members of the public, health professionals, teachers at all levels and researchers who want to think critically about health risks and their management. Readers will learn how to analyse the processes of classification, evaluation, probabilistic reasoning and time-framing which underlie all risk thinking. Real cases involving screening, care for people with long-term conditions and many other issues help to clarify and bring to life the points which are made. The book makes available a wide range of academic literature for readers to follow up. This text is highly commended as a guidebook to risk thinking in all fields of health care.

Risk thinking is transforming the understanding, organization, and management of health care systems, and its significance is likely to increase still further over the next two decades as technological advances, for example the new genetics and the discovery of new biomedical markers, open up novel possibilities for health risk management. Heightened societal risk consciousness, such as food panics and the debate over the MMR vaccine, co-exists, apparently paradoxically, with increased life expectancy in advanced industrial societies and increasing concern about the longer term future. At the same time, social trends are pushing health care systems towards the surveillance of populations and the targeting of groups identified as being at higher risk. All too often, services users, health professionals, policy makers, and researchers draw upon a risk management without reflecting critically on its assumptions or limitations. This introductory text focuses on the underlying generic issues of risk management in health care. Aimed at health professionals, managers, educators and policy makers who are concerned with risk management, it allows the readers to analyze risk management issues, and to critically evaluate the claims made about existing and new technologies, in an informed way. It covers all aspects of risk relevant to a clinical setting and is closely related to decision making in the clinic.

This is a smart text about a field that has become very popular in recent decades. The authors are all leading thinkers in this area and have written a book that appears to try to appeal to a wide audience of practitioner and academic... There are many more messages to be unearthed in a book packed with different ways of understanding things. So, enjoy the book! It has a great deal to offer the reader. * Health, Risk Society * The book is the only one of its kind that really focuses on risk from the inside of healthcare delivery and outside cultural/societal influences. * Doody's Notes * All the chapters are well written and will assist health professionals, academics and students at undergraduate and post-graduate level who grapple with challenges created by the dominance of risk assessment. Its grounding in the real world of health care helps clarify and make useful a number of complex theoretical concepts, particularly within the areas of risk categorization and conceptualization. This book succeeds in doing what it sets out to do. * Social Policy and Administration * About the Author Bob Heyman is Professor of Health Care Risk Management in the School of Human and Health Sciences at the University of Huddersfield, and Professor Emeritus in Health Care Research at City University, London. Previously, he held the post of Associate Dean for Research at St Bartholomew School of Nursing Midwifery, City University. His research is concerned with qualitative approaches in health care risk management. He has written extensively on this topic in relation to a wide range of clinical contexts, particularly mental health and learning disability services and prenatal chromosomal screening. Bob Heyman is currently collaborating with the Care Quality Commission in a study of risk screening of healthcare organisations, and with The West Yorkshire Mental Health RD Consortium in a programme of research concerned with clinical risk management in mental health services. Andy Alaszewski is an applied social scientist with a BA honours degree (Social Anthropology, Class I) and PhD (Social and Political Sciences) from the University of Cambridge. In 2001, following a successful academic career at the University of Hull he took up the posts of Professor and Director of the Centre for Health Services Studies at the University of Kent and is also Director of the Research Design Service for the South East funded by the National Institute for Health Research. For the past 30 years he has been involved in research focusing on policy making and the provision of health and social care. Increasingly his interests have focussed on the ways in which risk is framed within health and social care and the ways in which risk issues influence and shape the development of health and social care services. He is the founding editor of Health, Risk and Society an international peer-reviewed journal published by Taylor and Francis. Monica Shaw recently has recently retired from the post of Senior Research Fellow at City University, London. She is Emeritus Professor at Northumbria University where she was previously the Executive Dean of Social Sciences and the Dean for Quality, holding institution-wide responsibility for quality assurance systems. Her current research interests include the history of women's action in coal mining disputes and their changing role in ex-mining communities; the role of nurses in the delivery of quality healthcare and the barriers to multiprofessional risk management in forensic mental health services; and the escalation of regulation in public services as a response to critical cases. Monica Shaw has considerable experience both as a senior manager and a critical analyst of the impact of regulation on public and voluntary services, and she has a long history of personal involvement in the development and governance of voluntary organisations in the North-East of England. Dr. Mike Titterton is Chairperson of HALE (Health Life for Everyone), an international charity that helps children and adults at risk of harm and provides training for health and social work staff. He also works as an international expert in health, social care and education for bodies such as the Council of Europe, NHS Health

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