

Interim Report of the SHEA Quality Indicator Study Group to Be Published

Both the SHEA and APIC Boards formally have approved publishing the Interim Report of the Quality Indicator Study Group of SHEA, APIC, and SIS, which was submitted to them by Dr. William E. Scheckler, Chair of the study group, in December 1993. This interim report will be published in the societies' journals in the next few months and contains an outline of the issues important for outcome indicators in general and nosocomial infection outcome indicators in particular. The importance of such indicators is becoming clear as the health

reform debate talks more about "report cards" for healthcare alliances to use as they judge healthcare providers—both physicians and hospitals.

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