

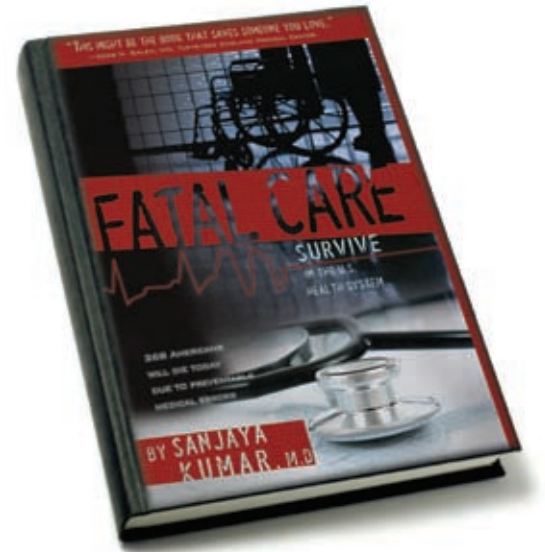
# FATAL CARE

*"America's healthcare system is in great need of repair. America needs this important work from Dr. Sanjaya Kumar."*

~ David B. Nash, MD, MBA; Professor of Health Policy and Chairman of the Department of Health Policy, Jefferson Medical College, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

## DESCRIPTION

Fatal Care journeys beyond the frightening statistics of preventable medical errors. Readers will walk in the shoes of those who have experienced, first hand, the impact of this needless epidemic. Individual stories embody the drama and tension found in popular medical series television productions. These flesh-and-blood characters will resonate with nearly everyone and remind us of people who have had similar experiences.



## THE NEED

Each year, preventable medical errors result in as many as 98,000 patient deaths in U.S. hospitals. At least five million Americans are affected, costing an estimated \$17-21 billion. These sobering statistics from the Institute of Medicine and the Institute for Healthcare Improvement provide a glimpse into a national crisis that harms or kills hundreds of innocent people each day.

Data without human interest is easy to dismiss. Nameless, faceless numbers can't illustrate the devastation of wrecked lives. Moreover, data does a poor job of exploring the underlying causes of this outrageous tragedy. Wherever appropriate, Fatal Care suggests safeguards and potential solutions.

## ONE OF A KIND

Unlike other healthcare-related books, Fatal Care blends true, real-life dramas with factual information and analysis for healthcare consumers and professionals alike. Each of the eleven carefully researched cases illustrate significant gaps in the U.S. healthcare system. These stories bring to life the chain of events that led to mishaps. Solutions are proposed to prevent future mistakes. Factually accurate and medically sound, Fatal Care could only have been written by Dr. Sanjaya Kumar, a nationally recognized physician who has dedicated his career to reducing the occurrence of preventable medical errors.

**FATAL CARE: Survive in the U.S. Health System**

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## **FROM NEVER ROUTINE ...**

By Sunday afternoon, Lewis' abdomen hurt worse than ever. His belly grew rigid and distended. His eyes had a sunken, hollow look. Alarmed by his condition, Helen knew Lewis needed to see a doctor right away. She repeatedly pushed the call button, but they had stopped answering the call light in room 749...

## **FROM THREE LITTLE ANGELS ...**

Heather heard muffled yelling and crying from inside the door, but she couldn't make out what they were saying. She felt a gnawing, sick feeling in the pit of her stomach, like something bad was about to happen and her body knew it before her head...Now Heather heard her mother yelling. "What do you mean? What's wrong with Thursday Dawn? What's wrong with the baby?" Joanna's voice became increasingly shrill and hysterical. "Accident, Hep-a-rin, what did you do to her?"

## **FATAL CARE CHAPTERS/CONTENT**

Prologue

Chapter 1           Never Routine

Subject: Lewis Blackman - Failure to Rescue

Chapter 2           Reading Between The Lines

Subject: Trisha Torrey - Misdiagnosis (Near Miss)

Chapter 3           Critically Wounded

Subject: Diana Brookins - Bloodstream Infection

Chapter 4           Picking Up The Pieces

Subject: Diane Ford - PCA Pump Failure

Chapter 5           The Promise

Subject: Taylor McCormack - Delay in Treatment

Chapter 6           Coming Together

Subject: Linda Kenny - Medically Induced Trauma

Chapter 7           One Of Their Own

Subject: Liz Augusta - Missed Pregnancy (Near Miss)

Chapter 8           They're Not Listening

Subject: Ken Simon - Wrong Diagnosis

Chapter 9           The Price Of Doing Business

Subject: Johanna Daly - Surgical Site Infection (SSI)

Chapter 10          Wrong Turn

Subject: Benjamin Houghton - Wrong Side Surgery

Chapter 11          Three Little Angels

Subject: Three Indiana infants - Heparin (high-alert medication) Overdose

Epilogue

Appendix 1:       Information Sources For The Empowered Patient

Appendix 2:       References

*“Dr. Kumar has succeeded in improving patient safety in US hospitals not by rhetoric, but by aggressively fostering the real time collection of data that lead to immediate and practical solutions to otherwise undetected failings in the system.”*

~ Deeb N. Salem, MD, Sheldon M. Wolff, Professor and Chairman, Department of Medicine, Tufts University School of Medicine, Physician-in-Chief, Tufts-New England Medical Center

## **ABOUT SANJAYA KUMAR, MD**

Dr. Sanjaya Kumar is President, CEO and Chief Medical Officer of Quantros, Inc., a company that arms healthcare providers with clinically-driven safety and quality solutions that save lives, lowers risk, improves quality and reduces healthcare costs. Quantros products are used by one in five US hospitals.

Dr. Kumar is driven by an agenda aimed at improving the quality of care provided to patients by today’s evolving health care delivery systems. He has been the clinical lead on many cooperative clinical quality improvement projects. Dr. Kumar serves on numerous quality improvement committees, task forces and working groups, both at the national and state levels and is a frequent speaker at national health care conferences and meetings. Dr. Kumar has been published widely in peer reviewed medical journals and has hosted various health care industry conferences.

### **Career:**

- 2000 to Present: Quantros, Inc., Board Chairman, Chief Medical Officer, President & CEO
- 1992 to 2000: Louisiana Health Care Review, Inc., IBM, School Of Public Health, University Of Massachusetts.
- 1988 to 1992: London School of Economics & Political Science, Post-Graduate Medical Training in the U.K.

### **Post Graduate Training:**

- University Of Massachusetts School of Public Health, Amherst, MA
- London School of Economics & Political Science, London School of Hygiene & Tropical Medicine, U.K.
- Central Middlesex Hospital, Department of Cardiology, London, U.K.
- Newham General Hospital, Internal Medicine, Obstetrics & Gynecology, London, U.K.
- School Of Medicine, University Of Benin, Department of Community & Preventive Medicine, Benin-City, Nigeria
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### **Other:**

- 1996-2000 Clinical Adjunct Assistant Professor, Pennington Biomedical Research Center Division of Primary Care Research, Louisiana State University, Baton Rouge, LA
- Editorial/Executive Board Member for organizations such as Journal of Clinical Outcomes Management, Patient Safety and Quality Journal, Louisiana Rural Health Care Association and more

**SANJAYA KUMAR, MD**



## ADVANCE PRAISE FOR FATAL CARE ...

*"Dr. Kumar has a leading role in the national effort to promote patient safety through his leadership of Quantros, which is heavily involved in the effort to improve the delivery and safety of healthcare."*

~ John G. Brehm, MD, FACP, Chief Medical Officer, West Virginia Medical Institute



*"The traditional methods that healthcare organizations have always used to improve patient safety are dramatically changing, and Dr. Sanjaya Kumar and his team at Quantros are leading the way."*

~ Dr. Don Casey, Chief Medical Officer, Atlantic Health System



*"Dr. Kumar's unique blend of expertise, coupled with his passion for patient safety and quality, will make Fatal Care connect the dots between public health, science, industry and the consumer."*

~ Della M. Lin, MD, Executive Director CME, The Queen's Medical Center



*"Dr. Sanjaya Kumar has proven that clinician leaders will show us the way into the 21st century! Real professionalism means a willingness to self-evaluate and improve performance based on real data. This book is a virtual how-to guide for all the key stakeholders. Every patient, every doctor and every hospital administrator should read it!"*

~ David B. Nash MD, MBA, Professor and Chairman of the Department of Health Policy, Jefferson Medical College of Thomas Jefferson University



*"Dr. Kumar has a wonderful spirit for patient safety and is a great source of ideas for causing it to happen sooner rather than later. His company is playing a vital role in the health care industry."*

~ Dan Ford, Vice President, Furst Group and Patients for Patient Safety Advocate



*"Dr. Kumar has significantly improved patient safety with a real-time web-based product that facilitates reporting, evaluation and correction of healthcare process defects."*

~ Thomas "Pat" Perone, MD, VP, Quality Services, FMOL Health System

# MEDIA APPEARANCES

## **MEDIA APPEARANCES**

Dr. Kumar is available for media interviews. He is available to speak about:

- Medical errors in general
- Specific medical errors recently covered in the media
- The state of the U.S. Health System
- His new book, Fatal Care: Survive in the U.S. Health System

**NOTE:** Each year, Dr. Kumar gives dozens of talks at prestigious healthcare forums such as the Annual Quality Colloquium at Harvard University. He has appeared on TV shows such as PBS' Nightly Business Report.

## **IN PERSON APPEARANCES**

Dr. Kumar is available for book signings and public speaking engagements.

## **APPEARANCE REQUESTS**

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