

The checklist.

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This article by bestselling author and surgeon [Atul Gawande](#) illustrates the complexity of intensive care and profiles [Peter Pronovost](#), the Johns Hopkins intensivist and safety leader whose efforts to standardize safety practices led to remarkable reductions in ICU harm in Michigan hospitals. It goes on to a broader discussion of how checklists and decision support have reduced errors and transformed safety in critical care. Gawande also reflects on how implementation of standardized approaches often conflicts with the traditional physician culture, which prizes individual expertise over all else.