

Summative Reflection

The purpose of this letter is to review and make recommendations for improvement to the report compiled by the IOM (Institute of Medicine), (2013). The current committee report details a comprehensive perspective, providing numerous recommendations surrounding improved high-quality cancer care in the United States. One of the key strengths of the report is its embrasive examination of the multiple constituents that form cancer care. Financial resources, information technology, care coordination, research, and most importantly patient involvement are all considered and scrutinized.

This assignment was a challenge due to the context of reviewing health policy and creating the appropriate tone to discuss the findings with a member of a prestigious national committee. I have a good grasp on cancer care but was challenged by proposing changes to policy. I feel like after 5 semesters of academic writing I have improved greatly. This assignment showcases my ability to discuss and analyze a complex topic and be able to make appropriate suggestions for improvement. When I read my writing from first semester, I realize that I have changed my tone from casual to a very confident academic tone. This must be the academic voice I was told I would find as a result of this program.

Many of the course learning objectives (CLO) for Quality, Safety and Leadership were met during completion of this assignment. CLO's achieved thru completion of this assignment were: Apply decision-making and transformational models to health care organizations, and identify organizational characteristics, including informatics capacities, that promote innovation and change. Evaluate how organizational autonomy, culture, climate, structure, and values impact management, employee roles and quality patient care. Determine formative assessments for implementation fidelity, summative assessments of outcomes, and handoff procedures.