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The Society for Healthcare Epidemiology of America (SHEA) was founded in 1980 to advance the science of healthcare epidemiology and infection prevention. SHEA works to maintain the utmost quality of patient care and healthcare worker safety in all healthcare settings, applying epidemiologic principles and prevention strategies to a wide range of quality-of-care issues. SHEA is strengthened by its active membership in all branches of medicine, public health, and healthcare epidemiology. The Society's expertise is sought by healthcare regulatory and accrediting agencies, and its scientific voice is influential in guiding decision-making bodies towards rational, effective, cost-conscious policies.

The Society for Healthcare Epidemiology of America

# Mission

SHEA's mission is to prevent and control healthcare-associated infections and advance the field of healthcare epidemiology.

# Core Values

SHEA as an organization:

- Advances the science of healthcare epidemiology through research and education
- Translates knowledge into effective policy and practice
- Mentors, trains and promotes professional development in healthcare epidemiology
- Collaborates and shares expertise with other organizations
- Adheres to high ethical standards and promotes honesty and ethical principles in the practice of epidemiology

# Areas of Focus

- Epidemiologic research and laboratory investigation
- Applying the best evidence for protecting patients and reporting data
- Risk reduction programs focused on device and procedure management
- Policy development and implementation
- Education and information

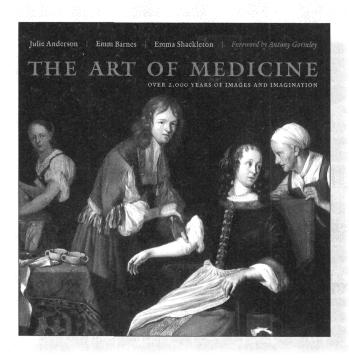
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