

Biographical Form

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Paul Kurtin MD is Chief Quality and Safety Officer and the Director of the Sadler Center for Quality at Rady Children's Hospital, San Diego. In this role he is responsible for the design, implementation, evaluation, and continuous improvement of health services for children. This work was acknowledged by the JCAHO with the 2002 Ernest A. Codman Award for the outstanding use of process and outcomes measures for the improvement of clinical care. Dr. Kurtin is also founding medical director of the Child Health Accountability Initiative, a national collaborative of children's hospitals working together to improve care for hospitalized children and children with special healthcare needs. This work is highlighted in a 2003 book co-edited by Dr. Kurtin called *Child Health Services Research: Applications, Innovations, and Insights*. Dr Kurtin has recently published a book, entitled "Optimizing Care for Young Children with Special Needs: Knowledge and Strategies for Navigating the System". He is currently leading a statewide community of practice of all 22 regional NICUs in California designed to improve care for hospitalized newborns as well as working with CPQCC to reduce hospital acquired infections in 19 community level NICUs.