



National Initiative for Children's Healthcare Quality

## *Biographical Data Form*

*Lucian Leape*

<b>Education (include basic preparation through highest degree held)</b>			
<b>Degree</b>	<b>Institution (Name, City, State)</b>	<b>Major Area of Study</b>	<b>Year</b>
MD	Harvard		1959
AB	Cornell	Chemistry	1952

**Use the space below to provide a brief bio describing professional experience or areas of expertise related to involvement in continuing education and particular role, e.g., planner, presenter, administrator, etc.**

Lucian Leape, a pediatric surgeon, is Adjunct Professor of Health Policy at the Harvard School of Public Health. He is internationally recognized as a leader in patient safety, starting with the 1994 publication in JAMA of his seminal article, *Error in Medicine*, which formed the basis for the 1999 Institute of Medicine report, "To Err is Human", which he co-authored. He has been an outspoken advocate of the nonpunitive systems approach to preventing medical errors; his research has focused on redesigning systems to prevent errors. In 2004, he received the John Eisenberg Patient Safety Award from the JCAHO and National Quality Forum.