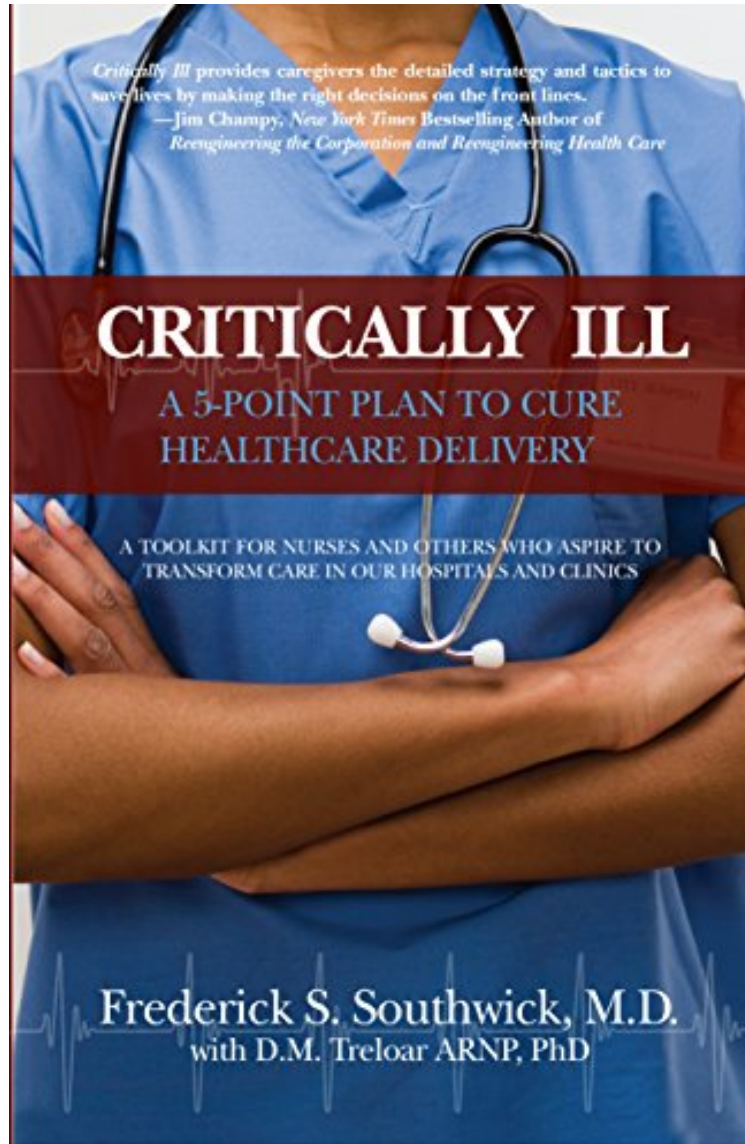


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Critically Ill provides caregivers the detailed strategy and tactics to save lives by making the right decisions on the front lines. Jim Champy, New York Times Bestselling Author of Reengineering the Corporation and Reengineering Health Care Health care as never before requires adaptive leaders, that is, leaders willing to bring about true change. As Switzerland's Secretary of Health I personally experienced the stresses associated with leading change. Critically Ill summarizes the key tenets of effective health care leadership, and will guide all leaders who aspire to transform how we care for patients. Thomas Zeltner, M.D., Secretary of Health, Switzerland 1991-2009 Academic medical centers are faced with many complex and interdependent system problems that affect patient satisfaction and clinical outcomes. Curing our health care delivery system requires both top-down and bottom-up change. Critically Ill describes, in a manner that combines personal experience with research findings, a personal toolkit that will allow caregivers to improve the quality and safety of their patients care. Dr. David S. Guzik, President, UF Shands Health System Two decades ago Dr. Fred Southwick witnessed the near demise of his wife while she was being cared for in a prominent academic medical center. For 15 years he blamed the individual physicians who cared for Mary. However five years ago the doctor realized that encouraging individual physicians to try harder was not the solution. As he started searching for answers, Dr. Southwick learned that the outdated model of medical care in our country results in fragmented care, great inefficiency, and 44,000-95,000 annual deaths due to preventable medical errors. Despite calls to action by the Institute of Medicine and many patient safety organizations, these statistics have persisted for over a decade. In Critically Ill, Mary's dramatic healthcare nightmare is used as a learning tool to reveal startling, dangerous flaws in our current system of medical care and present a detailed five point action plan to cure healthcare delivery and bring about change.

About the Author Dr. Southwick earned a B.S. in Educational Psychology from Yale University where he played varsity football, lacrosse and was also captain of the wrestling team. During his senior year, Yale Football was nationally ranked and won the IVY League Championship. Southwick received his MD from Columbia College of Physicians and Surgeons, where he was an International Fellow and an Edward J. Noble Foundation Scholarship recipient. He trained in Internal Medicine and Infectious Diseases at the Boston City Hospital and Massachusetts General Hospital. Dr. Southwick has taught as an Assistant Professor at Harvard University, followed by Associate Professorship with tenure at the University of Pennsylvania. A pioneer in the field of infectious diseases, Dr. Southwick served over 19 years as the Chief of the Division of Infectious Diseases and as Vice Chair of the Department of Medicine at the University of Florida College of Medicine. An NIH funded investigator for more than 30 years, he has conducted groundbreaking research in the discovery of proteins to regulate white blood cells' ability to move and fight infection in the body. He also served on the Board of Scientific Directors of the National Institutes of Health (NIH) Warren Magnuson Clinical Center. As a consequence of a family member's near death while hospitalized, Dr. Southwick began to adopt a system to improve frontline care and the prevention of hospital errors. After attending Harvard Business School as an Advanced Leadership Fellow, he became Project Manager for Quality and Safety Pilot Programs for the University of Florida Shands Healthcare system.