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Abstract

Objectives. The main reform of healthcare system in Russia had begun by introduction of compulsory healthcare insurance in 1993. Since this time, Russia went through number of steps of healthcare system modernization. Most attention was paid to the resource allocation, medical equipment and drug provision, the problem of the low quality of care was repeatedly addressed. Major direction of the efforts was the creation of obligatory technical standards of care.

Methods. I studied the volume of publication found in MEDLINE for period 1991-2014 and in the relevant Russian journals not covered by MEDLINE as well as legislation on health care introduced since 1991.

Results. The review found that despite some increase in volume of funding of health care system, and provision of incentives for quality, the progress with health care quality assurance is slow. The methodology of development of evidence based guidelines is not accepted. The control over conflict of interest of participants of the development of the guiding documents is not introduced. Economic

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