



Recognizing that we had better build on what we've got doesn't mean that we have to curtail our ambitions for health care reform.



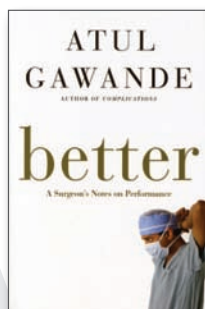
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Atul Gawande

□ Thoughtful, inspiring speaker on medicine, healthcare and healthcare reform. Deep insight into the issues of ethics and performance that all professionals face. □

A practitioner's wisdom on reforming healthcare. A unique perspective on what it takes to excel in any area of human endeavor, and on the joys and uncertainties that lie at the heart of modern medical practice. Received a MacArthur Fellowship for his writing and work to improve surgical practice. Director, Global Challenge for Safer Surgical Care, World Health Organization.

Professor, Harvard Medical School. Author of *The Checklist Manifesto*, *Better* and *Complications*.



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Highlights

As a **practicing surgeon** and an **accomplished writer, teacher and speaker**, Dr. Atul Gawande offers audiences a unique perspective on the practice of medicine, the reform of healthcare, and the human struggle to do better, to improve performance.

He received the **MacArthur Fellowship**, popularly known as the “genius prize,” for his writing and his efforts to improve surgical practice.

Dr. Gawande is one of the most influential voices on **healthcare reform** in America today. With the sensible and pragmatic approach of a surgeon, he encourages incremental reforms that build on the strengths and limitations of our current system. He also speaks on how to improve care and lower costs.

Atul is the author of three brilliant bestselling books on medicine, culture and human experience. In his book, *Better: A Surgeon's Notes on Performance*, Dr. Gawande uses the high stakes challenges he faces as a surgeon to explore the universal struggle to perform well—**what it takes to excel** in any area of human endeavor.

His first book, *Complications*, was a finalist for the National Book Award in 2002 and is published in more than a hundred countries.

Atul's current book, *The Checklist Manifesto: How to Get Things Right* is a *New York Times* bestseller. In this book, Dr. Gawande explores the importance of using the lowly checklist and how it has revolutionized medical practice and saved lives.

Dr. Gawande holds distinguished positions in all of his professional roles. He is the Research Director for the BWH Center for Surgery and Public Health, a practicing surgeon, and a staff writer for *The New Yorker* magazine.

He leads the World Health Organization's global campaign to reduce avoidable deaths and complications in surgery and to reduce deaths at child delivery.

Issues in Medicine & Healthcare

You cannot understand medicine without understanding why it goes wrong.

Dr. Gawande is a unique and important voice on the subject of healthcare. Audiences of all kinds are thrilled by his insider's portrayal of the detective work involved in diagnosis and treatment. Anyone who's been a patient finds his candid accounts of patient care enlightening. Medical audiences love his eloquent way of reflecting their conflicts and concerns; non-medical audiences appreciate his deep insight into the issues of ethics and performance that all professionals face.

The MacArthur Fellowship

Atul Gawande received the MacArthur Fellowship, popularly known as the “genius prize,” in 2006, for the “fresh and unique perspective, clarity, and intuition” in his written work and his “energetic and imaginative” approach to finding practical ways to improve surgical practice.

• Credentials

- MacArthur Fellowship, 2006.
- Staff member, Brigham and Women's Hospital in Boston and the Dana Farber Cancer Institute.
- Associate Professor of Surgery at Harvard Medical School, Associate Professor in the Department of Health Policy and Management at the Harvard School of Public Health, and Research Director for the BWH Center for Surgery and Public Health.
- Staff writer on medicine and science, *The New Yorker* magazine.