FIG 1. THE CYCLE OF AUDIT AND RE-EVALUATION

- Evidence
- Guidelines
- Practice
- Consensus
- Outcomes
- Benchmarking
- Standards (local, national, professional)
- SWOT analysis
- Cause/effect analysis
- System/processes analysis
- System/processes redesign
- Change management
- Facilitation
- Monitoring
- Process redesign
- What are we trying to achieve? (Identifying the topic, eg, safe administration of medications)
- Patient, public and staff feedback/involvement
- Are we achieving it? (eg, continuous drug errors)
- Why are we not not achieving it?
- What can be done to improve things?
- Have things been improved?
- Continuous quality improvement
- Re-audit