

Presentations

Jonathan Fluxman, LRCP, MRCS. Covid Lead for Doctors in Unite (DiU) will present "An Overview of COVID-19 and Long COVID – The UK Inquiry."



Paul Conway. Chair of Policy & Global Affairs, AAKP, will present "Navigating COVID-19: How Kidney Patients Have Taken Responsibility to Protect Themselves."



Kaitlin Sundling, MD, PhD. Univ. of Wisconsin School of Medicine & Public Health, Department of Pathology, will present "Impacts of COVID-19 in Pathology and Cancer Care."



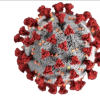
Matthias Maiwald, MD. Head of Microbiology at KK Women's and Children's Hospital, Singapore, will present "Irregular reemergence of pathogens after lifting of pandemic restrictions."



Jacqueline H Becker, PhD. neuropsychologist & researcher, Icahn School of Medicine, Mount Sinai Hospital, will present "Overview of the Impacts of Long COVID on Behavioral Health."



Outcomes & Objectives



Conference Outcomes:

- Describe ways to prevent spread of airborne pathogens.
- Discuss misinformation and how it has impacted the spread of disease & vaccinations.
- Identify the impacts of COVID-19 on healthcare safety for high risk patients.
- Recognize the pandemic's impact regarding delayed diagnosis and missed preventative care.

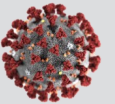
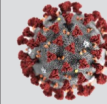
Conference Objectives:

- To better diagnoses and recognize the multiple presentations of Long COVID, including behavioral health implications
- To be able discuss with patients the importance of preventing COVID-19 and other respiratory diseases.
- To combat patient misinformation regarding vaccines and the risks of COVID and Long COVID.
- To identify and reschedule patients who missed disease screenings during the pandemic.
- To discuss how COVID-19 is spread through the air by a continuum of particle sizes.
- To discuss with office staff other health care professionals strategies to prevent the spread of respiratory pathogens including use of N95 masks and improvement in indoor ventilation.
- To better discuss with patients the benefits and need for vaccinations.
- To mitigate the impact of safety risks created by respiratory pathogens on immunosuppressed patients.



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COVID-19: Endemic Impact & Responsibility



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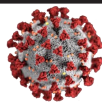


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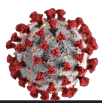
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Conference Agenda



1. An Overview of COVID-19 and Long COVID
– The UK Inquiry
2. Navigating COVID-19: How Kidney Patients Have
Taken Responsibility to Protect Themselves
3. Impacts of COVID-19 in Pathology and Cancer Care
4. Long COVID In Scotland
5. Overview of the Impacts of Long COVID on
Behavioral Health.
6. Irregular reemergence of pathogens after lifting
of pandemic restrictions
7. Source Control Key to Prevent Spread of
Infectious Diseases
8. Vaccines, COVID-19 and Long COVID

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Dr. Jonathan Fluxman, LRCP, MRCS	34:02:00
Paul Conway	17:57:00
Dr. Kaitlin Sundling, MD, PhD	32:27:00
Dr. Sally Witcher, PhD, MSc & Jane Ormerod	40:52:00
Dr. Jacqueline H Becker, PhD	28:35:00
Dr. Matthias Maiwald, MD	34:07:00
Dr. Kevin Kavanagh, MD, MS	39:27:00
Dr. Kevin Kavanagh, MD, MS	22:52:00

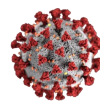
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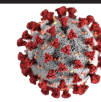


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Kevin Kavanagh, MD, MS. Chairman of Health Watch USASM, will present "An Overview of COVID-19 Source Control Key to Prevent Spread of Infectious Diseases." and "Vaccines, COVID-19 and



Dr. Sally Witcher, PhD, MSc (Top) director of the Inclusive New Normal, Scotland, & **Jane Ormerod (bottom)**, Chair of Long COVID Scotland, will present "Long COVID In Scotland."



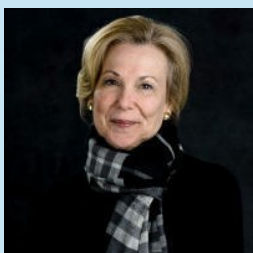
KBN: This course will outline strategies and imperatives which need to be implemented in healthcare settings during the endemic phase of COVID-19. These include the protection of vulnerable patients, the combatting of misinformation, the understanding of how SARS-CoV-2 is spread, the promotion of improved indoor ventilation, the use of N95 masks and the encouragement of vaccinations.

Presentations

Peter J. Hotez, MD, PhD, Dean of the National School of Tropical Medicine and Professor of Pediatrics and Molecular Virology & Microbiology at Baylor College of Medicine. will present on "Global Vaccines and Vaccinations: The Science vs The Anti-science."



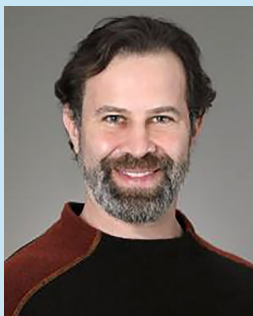
Ambassador Deborah Birx, MD, past White House Coronavirus Coordinator. Presentation: "Impact of Long COVID on the United States."



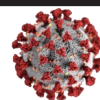
Pam Belluck, New York Times Reporter -- Presentation: "How Long COVID is affecting people's jobs and their needs at work."



T. Walitt, MD, MPH, Clinician with the NIH's National Institute of Neurological Disorders and Stroke. -- Presentation: "Exploring the Post-Acute Sequelae of COVID-19 at the National Institutes of Health."



Outcomes & Objectives



After attending the sessions about Long COVID, the participants will be able to:

- Describe the manifestations of Long COVID in different age groups.
- Discuss the different presentations of Long COVID.
- Identify the impacts of Long COVID on the healthcare workforce.

Conference Objectives:

- Identify the presentations and risks of Long COVID in all age groups.
- Discuss preventative strategies, including the role of vaccinations.
- Describe the psychoneurological effects of Long COVID.
- Discuss the impact of Long COVID on long-term disability in the United States' workforce.
- Identify the consequences of Long COVID on the Nursing Workforce.
- Discuss how misinformation has placed healthcare workers at risk of workplace violence.

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COVID-19
Long COVID: Patients
Workers & Society**

Long COVID: Patients, Workers & Society



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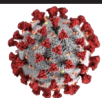
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Conference Agenda



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Time	Presentor	Presentation Title
8:45 AM	Kevin Kavanagh, MD, MS	Conference & Long COVID Introduction
9:00 AM	Deborah Birx, MD	Impact of Long COVID on the United States
9:30 AM	Eleni Iasonidou, MD	Long Covid: A pediatrician's view as a patient and doctor
10:00 AM	Georgios Pappas, MD, PhD	Combatting Disinformation regarding Long COVID and COVID-19
10:30 AM	Wilmore Webley, PhD	The effectiveness of vaccines to prevent Long COVID
11:00 AM	Pam Belluck	How Long COVID is affecting people's jobs and their needs at work.
11:30 AM	Brian Walitt, MD, MPH	Exploring the Post-Acute Sequelae of COVID-19 at the National Institutes of Health
Noon	Jane Thomason, MSPH, CIH	The impact of Long COVID on Nurses
12:30 PM	Greg Vanichkachorn, MD, MPH	Symptoms, treatment and rehabilitation of patients with Long COVID
1:00 PM	Peter Hotez, MD, PhD	Global Vaccines and Vaccinations: The Science vs The Anti-science
1:30 PM	Past Surgeon General Joycelyn Elders, MD, & Kevin Kavanagh, MD, MS	

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⇒ **Connecticut Nurses Association:** This nursing continuing professional development activity was approved by Connecticut Nurses' Association an accredited approver by the American Nurses Credentialing Center's Commission on Accreditation.

A total of 5 hours of continuing education has been approved.

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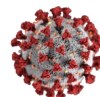
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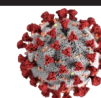
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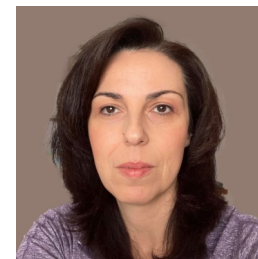
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Presentations



"Eleni Iasonidou, MD, Pediatrician, Founder of Long Covid Greece and a one of the very first Greek representatives to join Long Covid Kids. — Presentation: "Long Covid: A pediatrician's view as a patient and doctor."



Georgios Pappas, MD, PhD, Physician, Researcher and Advocate. Specializing on zoonoses and preparedness against outbreaks/epidemics — Presentation: "Combating Disinformation regarding COVID-19 & Long COVID."



Thomason, MSPH, CIH, Industrial Hygienist, National Nurses United & California Nurses Association -- Presentation: "The impact of Long COVID on Nurses."



Vanichkachorn, MD, MPH, Occupational and Aerospace Medicine, Mayo Clinic-- Presentation: "Symptoms, treatment and rehabilitation of patients with Long COVID."



Dr. Wilmore Webley, PhD, University of Massachusetts, -- Presentation: "The effectiveness of vaccines to prevent Long COVID."



Morning Presentations

Singapore: Dr. Matthias Maiwald Professor National Univ. of Singapore, and at Duke-National Univ. of Singapore Graduate Medical School in Singapore.



Prof. Lidia Morawska, "Airborne infection transmission & Impact on Frontline Workers" Time Mag. Top 100 Most influential persons in the World for 2021. (Australia)



Prof. Nele Brusselaers, MD, PhD "Evaluation of science advice during the COVID-19 pandemic in Sweden" (Sweden)



Prof. Imogen Mitchell, MBBS, PhD Canberra Health Services, Canberra, Australia. "Australia's experience of COVID-19 Workplace Safety"



Prof. Laith Jamal Abu-Raddad, PhD "Immune protection of COVID-19 vaccination and natural infection" (Qatar)



Prof. Jeannie Cimiotti, PhD, RN "Panel Discussion: 'The Normalization of Workarounds in Health care: An Ongoing American Crisis'"



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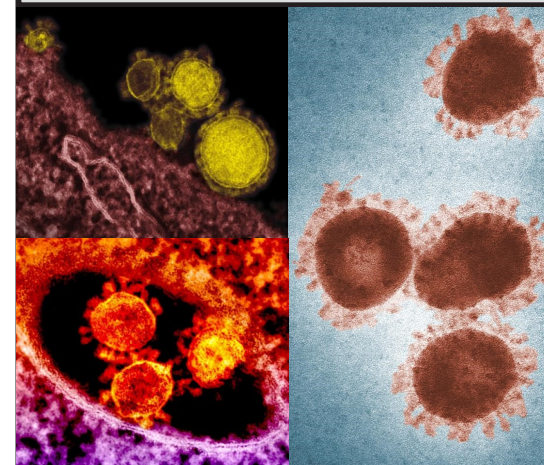
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Frontline Workers: A Global Perspective



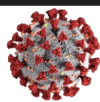
International
Authorities From
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Introduction by:
Past Surgeon
General,
Joycelyn Elders,
MD



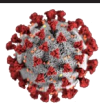
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Outcomes & Objectives



- Identify infection control strategies that prevent and mitigate the spread of COVID-19 disease among both frontline workers and patients.
- Advise retailers, schools, and others on strategies they should undertake to establish a safe workplace which protects both frontline workers and patrons.
- Identify infectious disease infrastructure deficiencies in the COVID-19 pandemic.
- Discuss cultural and socioeconomic barriers and social disparities which place socially disadvantaged populations at increased risk of infection and severe disease.
- Explain the risks of disability and death from not only acute COVID-19 but also the disabling effects of Long COVID.

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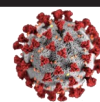


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- ⇒ **Northeast Multistate Division:** This activity has been submitted to the Northeast Multistate Division Education Unit for approval to award 6 contact hours. The Northeast Multistate Division Education Unit is accredited as an approver of nursing continuing professional development by the American Nurses Credentialing Center's Commission on Accreditation.
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8:40 to 8:50 AM - Introduction

8:50 am to 12:00 noon - Morning Presentations

12:40 pm to 1:00 pm - Dr. Joycelyn Elders

1:00 pm to 3:00 pm - Afternoon Presentations

3:00 pm to 4:00 pm - Panel Discussion:
The Normalization of Workarounds in Health care: An Ongoing American Crisis.

4:00 pm to 4:15 pm—Conference Summary and Closing Remarks, Dr. Kevin Kavanagh

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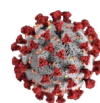
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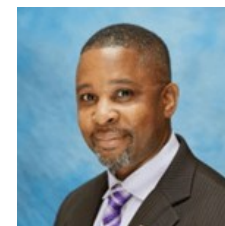


Afternoon Presentations

Ambassador Deborah Birx, MD
Presenting "COVID-19 USA - Lessons and new tools to improve workplace safety"



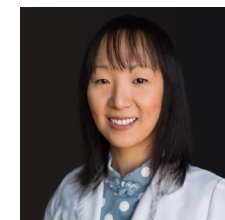
Frazier Beatty, Ph.D., MPH
Presenting "Impact of Healthcare Disparities on the Frontline"



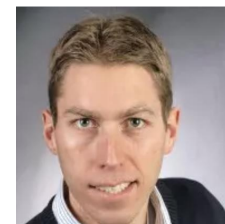
Ziyad Al-Aly, MD Presenting
"An Overview of Long COVID"



Mengyi "Zed" Zha, MD
Presenting "Workplace Violence Against Healthcare Workers"



Eike Steinman, PHD
Presenting "Transmission and Inactivation of SARS-CoV-2" (Germany)



Panel: "The Normalization of Deviance : " Jeannie Cimiotti, RN PhD, Chris Pontus, MS, RN

Kevin Kavanagh, MD, MS Board Chairman of Health Watch USA. Intro. & Summary Remarks.

Webinar Speakers

Australia: Professor Imogen Mitchell Clinical Director of the ACT COVID-19 Response and Executive Director of Research and Academic Partnerships, Canberra Health Services Canberra, Australia.



United Kingdom:

Dr. Stephanie Dancer is a Consultant Microbiologist in NHS Lanarkshire and Professor of Microbiology at Edinburgh Napier University, Scotland. She has been editing the Journal of Hospital Infection for 20 years, five as editor-in-chief.



Singapore: Dr. Matthias Maiwald is a Senior Consultant and the Head of Service, Microbiology, at KK Women's and Children's Hospital, and an Adjunct Associate Professor at the Department of Microbiology and Immunology, National University of Singapore, and at Duke-National University of Singapore Graduate Medical School in Singapore.



Kenya: Dr. Paul Yonga currently serves as a Consultant in International Health for EASO and EU Member States and is also an Infectious Disease Consultant at the CA Medlynks Tropical/Travel Medicine & Infectious Diseases Clinic in Nairobi, Kenya, and the Fountain Health Care Hospital in Eldoret.



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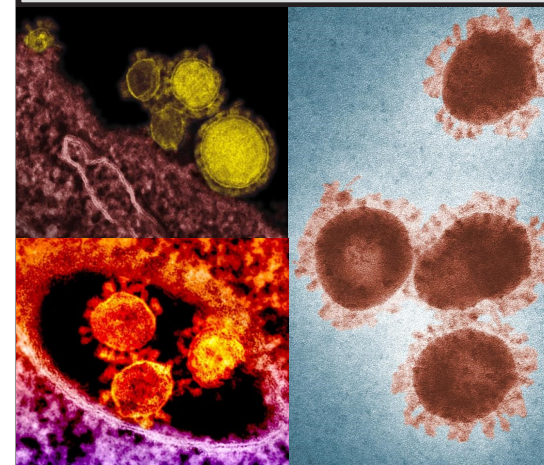
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International Authorities From Around the World Present Their Strategies To Confront the COVID-19 Pandemic.

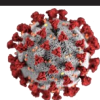
Key Note Address:

Dr. Carolyn Clancy,
Acting Deputy
Secretary,
US Department of
Veterans Affairs



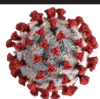
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Continuing Objectives



- ◆ To identify infection control strategies that prevent and mitigate the spread of COVID-19 disease among both frontline workers and patients.
- To be able to advise retailers, schools, and others on strategies they should undertake to stop the spread of disease.
- To be able to identify infectious disease infrastructure deficiencies in the COVID-19 pandemic and what needs to be present for future pandemics.
- To be able to express an understanding of cultural socioeconomic barriers preventing acceptance of public health strategies and strategies to mitigate these barriers.

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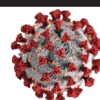
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Conference Agenda



Introduction:

8:10 – 8:20 Welcome: Katie Murphy, MNA President

Presentations:

8:20 – 8:30 AM United States: Dr. Kevin Kavanagh

8:30 – 9:00 AM Australia: Professor Imogen Mitchell

9:00 – 9:30 AM Singapore: Dr. Matthias Maiwald

9:30 – 10:00 AM Kenya: Dr. Paul Yonga

10:00 – 10:30 Spain: Dr. Jesus Rodriguez-Baño

10:30 – 10:40 AM Break

10:40 – 11:10 AM Germany: Dr. Sebastian Hoehl

11:10 – 11:40 AM United Kingdom: Dr Stephanie Dancer

11:40 – 12:00 Noon. United States: Dr. Kevin Kavanagh: Discussion of mitigation strategies for retailers and schools.

Keynote Address:

12:00 – 12:30 PM: Acting Deputy Secretary, US Department of Veterans Affairs, Dr. Carolyn Clancy.

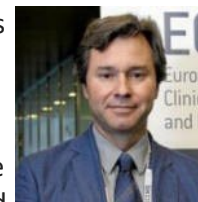
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Spain: Dr. Jesus Rodriguez-Baño is the immediate Past President of the ESCMID (European Society of Clinical Microbiology and Infectious Diseases) and Associate Editor of Clinical Microbiology and Infection, Spain.



Germany: Dr. Sebastian Hoehl is a Pediatrician and aspiring Virologist at the University Hospital Frankfurt am Main, Goethe University. He has been leading investigations on SARS-CoV-2 transmission, and as early February 2020, identified asymptomatic spread.

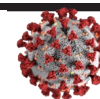


United States: Dr. Kevin Kavanagh is Board Chairman of Health Watch USA, an Associate Editor for the Journal of Patient Safety and on the Editorial Board for Infection Control Today. He serves on the CMS Hospital-Acquired Condition Technical Expert Panel, the AHRQ Health Care Effectiveness and Outcomes Research Study Section, and the NQF Consensus Standards Approval Committee.



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Through the Eyes of the Frontline: COVID 19
Massachusetts Nurses Association & Health Watch USAsm
Webinar July 15th, 2020



COVID-19 - The Perfect Storm, The History of the Ineffective Disease Policy: Dr. Kevin Kavanagh from Health Watch USAsm traces the history of the ineffective infectious disease policy regarding the USA's attempt to stop the Sars-CoV-2 pandemic. A historical perspective is given, covering President George Bush's 2005 proposal of the Pandemic and All-Hazards Preparedness Act to the disastrous second peak of the first wave which was associated with continued supply disruptions, lack of testing and an uncoordinated Federal Response.

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COVID-19 - Netherlands from the Front Lines: Dr. Christina Vondenbrouke-Grauls from the Netherlands' describes Netherlands response to the COVID-19 pandemic. A description is given of how public health guidance changed as more knowledge regarding the lethality and infectivity of the virus was obtained. Along with the successful strategies the Netherlands employed and the phased reopenings which allowed the country to return to a more normal life while still maintaining low levels of viral cases.

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**COVID-19 - Singapore From the Front Lines:**

Dr. Matthias Maiwald tells the story of COVID-19 and Singapore. In this presentation he stresses the importance of preparation with both planning and stockpiling of protective gear. Almost three N-95 masks were stockpiled for each Citizen of Singapore. Advanced case tracking using cell phones is described along with the importance of paying attention to all segments of society as the virus does not discriminate and can easily spread from one public sector to another. Finally, the importance of maintaining the skills and staffing for Laboratory Developed Tests which can be rapidly brought on line for a fast

response. **View Presentation Video:** <https://youtu.be/EEWis0cOLLA>



COVID-19 - Spain From the Front Lines: Dr. Jesus Rodriguez-Bano, the immediate Past President of the European Society of Clinical Microbiology and Infectious Diseases and Associate-Editor of Clinical Microbiology and Infection. discusses the history of the COVID-19 response in Spain and what was found to work and what did not.

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COVID-19 - United States From the Front Lines: Dr. Elaine Bernard discusses how the lack of social infrastructure for workers and the population at large set the state for racial and social disparities in both the impact and our response to the COVID-19 pandemic.

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COVID-19 2020 Closing Comments - Not Following Public Health Advice: Dr. Kevin Kavanagh from Health Watch USA(sm) summarizes the 2020 COVID-19 Conference. The United States has fallen behind other nations of the world in controlling COVID-19. Almost all nations underestimated the infectivity and lethality of the virus and had to change public health recommendations to achieve control. But unlike other nations, many in the United States used these changes to discredit public health officials and then advocate to not follow public health strategies. Leaders in the United States have also mitigated the dangers of the virus and the usefulness of widespread community testing.

View Presentation Video: <https://youtu.be/UwBNeyZUT20>

Presentation slides and other conference presentations can be viewed at:
<http://healthconference.org> .

Speakers' Resume:

http://www.healthconference.org/healthconference.org-files/2020Conference_downloads/20200715-AMSpeakerbios.pdf

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Keynote Speakers

Ralph R. Frerichs, DVM, DrPH, Professor Emeritus, UCLA Fielding School of Public Health. *Truth, Lies and the Greater Good -Cholera's Unexpected Arrival in Haiti.* [View Resume](#)



Joycelyn Elders, MD, Former U.S. Surgeon General. *Importance of School Health and Vaccinations.* [View Resume](#)



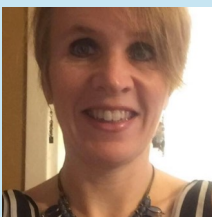
Steve Roach, FACT Food Safety Director & Senior Analyst for Keep Antibiotics Working. *Resistant bacteria: Risks of antibiotic use in livestock & non-prescription antibiotics* [View Resume](#)



Jayne O'Donnell, USA Today, Health Policy Reporter. *The Patient Safety Story: Lessons from Two Reporters in the Trenches.* [View Resume](#)



Laura Ungar, Kaiser Health News, Health Policy Reporter. *The Patient Safety Story: Lessons from Two Reporters in the Trenches* [View Resume](#)



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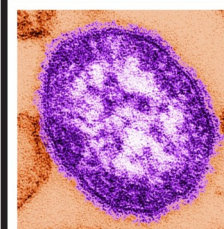
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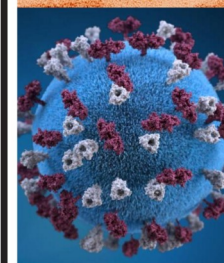
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FDA Oversight of
Drugs & Devices



Lessons Learned in the
Prevention of Outbreaks of
Dangerous Bacteria
& Viruses



Measles & Vaccines



Cholera & Haiti

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October 17, 2019
Eastside Library, Lexington, KY

Conference Objectives

- To recognize the importance of the FDA in fostering antibiotic stewardship and appropriate antibiotic usage in livestock and humans.
- To describe needed reforms in the FDA oversight of drug and device safety, including post-marketing reporting and proper marketing and sale of drugs.
- The attendee will develop and explain how political influences can shape a response to epidemics.
- To describe strategies needed to be employed to successfully stop the Hepatitis A epidemic.
- To recognize the dangers of childhood illnesses and the importance of vaccinations.
- The attendee will be able to describe the importance and role of the patient advocate in healthcare policy.

Exhibitors—More to Come !!

- Kentucky Long-Term Care Ombudsman Association
- Purgenix

Conference Registration

Registration opens 11:30 am. Conference begins at 12:30 pm and ends at 8:30 pm.

Continuing Education: Check website www.healthconference.org. Certificate of attendance will be provided.

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Conference Topics

Epidemiology of Epidemics: Lessons Learned

1. The Cholera Epidemic in Haiti.
2. Kentucky Hepatitis A Epidemic
3. Importance of School Vaccinations.

Strengthening the FDA

1. FDA and Opioid Recommendations.
2. MAUDE Database — Who Reports.
3. Drug Approval Process — Risks & Benefits of Bisphosphonates.

Patient Advocacy

1. The Second Victim — Is this an appropriate term?
2. The Role of Patient Advocacy in Healthcare Policy.

Health Care Finances

1. The High Cost of Insulin and Diabetic Healthcare. How to best navigate the system.

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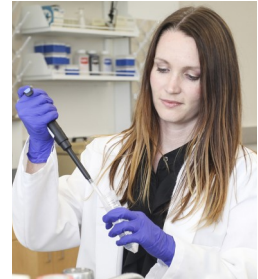
Registration Fee (non-refundable but transferable): Conference Attendance: \$25 including box lunch and snacks.

Suzanne Robotti - Med Shadow - CEO and Founder MedShadow.

Fosomax post approval label changes - protecting the patient or pharmaceutical company?



Lindsay Calderon, PhD, MPH. The FDA MAUDE Database: Who reports and what biases does this create.



Melissa Clarkson, PhD. Should we use the term "Second Victim"?



Lisa Middleton, PhD. The high cost of insulin and diabetic healthcare - How to Navigate the Financial Barriers - A mother's perspective.

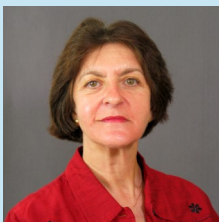


Kraig Humbaugh, MD - Commissioner Lexington-Fayette County Health Department. The Kentucky Hepatitis A Epidemic.



Keynote Speakers

**Christine Pontus, MS,
RN, COHN-S/CCM.**
Associate Director Health &
Safety, Massachusetts
Nurse Association



**Jonathan Rosen, MS,
CIH, FAIHA,** Principal
Industrial Hygiene / Safety
& Health Consultant, AJ
Rosen & Associates, LLC



Presentation: The intersection of Occupational Hazards for Nurses, Safe Staffing, and Infection Control.

In this session we will review key occupational hazards confronting Registered Nurses and detail the effect they have on the wellbeing of nurses and patients. Healthcare has a greater prevalence of occupational injury and illness than manufacturing, construction, or mining. The negative impact of inadequate RN staffing on several key patient outcomes has been documented in the peer reviewed literature. However, the impact of Healthcare Acquired Infections on Registered Nurses and healthcare workers is not currently being tracked and research on the effectiveness of occupational control measures is sparse.

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Patient Safety



**Patient Advocacy
& Worker Safety**



Transparency



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**October 4, 2018
Eastside Library, Lexington, KY**

Conference Objectives

- Attendees will recognize the importance of healthcare staff and patient advocacy in the prevention of adverse events
- Attendees will recognize how infectious disease place both patients and staff at risk, constructing the intersection between occupational health & safety with patient safety initiatives.
- Attendees will recognize the importance of good communication & patient access to their medical records, to improve both the understanding and acceptance of medical care along with the prevention of adverse events.
- Attendees will be able to explain the importance of having patient advocates on policy boards and recognize how they bring a different and important perspective.

Conference Registration

Registration desk opens at 11:45 am. Conference starts at 1:00 pm and ends at 8:30 pm.

Continuing Education: Approved hours for the following specialties:

- ⇒ 5.25 Hours for Occupational Therapists.
- ⇒ 6.26 Hours for Social Workers.
- ⇒ 5.74 KBN Contact Hours for Nursing (KBN # 1-0001-12-19-07)

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Conference Topics

Lisa Danielpour. **How OpenNotes and the Patient Portal Improve Safety and Outcomes.**



The Personal Health Record and OpenNotes can provide essential information, transparency and tools to improve patient safety and health outcomes. We know patients and family leave office visits or hospital stays not retaining much of the information shared. Giving patients and family access to OpenNotes – full chart notes through the online patient portal – offers a holistic understanding often not covered by a visit summary. OpenNotes ensures everyone is on the same page and that the care plan is clear, even when families and clinicians are not in agreement.

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Patient Advocacy **Joycelyn Elders, MD** **Former US Surgeon General.** **The Importance of Patient Advocacy.**



Patient Advocate Presentations

1. **Rebecca Krall** - What Happens When an Asplenic Patient Is Bitten by a Dog?: A Caregiver's Perspective on Health Care Communication Issues.
2. **Jonathan Furman** - The need for better testing and safer drugs: What one person learned from his experience with quinolone antibiotics.
3. **Melissa Clarkson** - What happens after patient harm? Why one family from Kansas is fighting to stop the secrecy and start conversations.
4. **Lee Tilson** - Learning from mistakes: Preventing seduction into error.
5. **Sherry Culp** - The Impact of Nursing Facility Federal Regulation Changes on Consumers.
6. **Catherine Duff** - Current Status & Emerging Trends of Microbiota Transplantation.

Jayne O'Donnell **USA Today Investigative Reporter** **What I've Learned Covering Patient Safety (and the Lessons It Holds for Safety Advocates)**



Keynote Speakers

Deborah Nelson,

Pulitzer prize winning investigative reporter presenting: Conflicts-of-interest and infectious disease policy.

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Ivan Oransky, MD

Distinguished Writer in Residence, New York University & Co-Founder of "Retraction Watch" presenting on Characteristics of Retracted Peer-Reviewed Articles. [View Resume](#)



Lisa McGiffert,

Consumer Union's Safe Patient Project presenting on Patient Safety and Healthcare Accountability

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Madris Tomes,

CEO of "Device Events" Presenting on Medical Device Registry and FDA Reports in Identifying Dangerous Medical Devices.

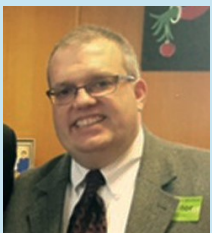
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Chris Aiello,

Secretary for National Family Council on Sepsis, Presenting on Early Diagnosis of Sepsis.

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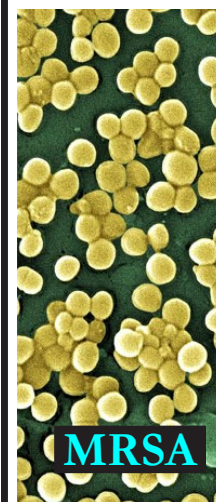
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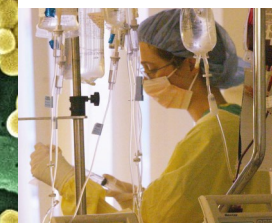
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Healthcare
Infections
& Medical
Devices



Conflicts-Of-Interest



MRSA

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November 3, 2017
Four-Points Sheraton, Lexington, KY

Conference Objectives

- To describe the importance of an effective editorial and peer review process of medical research and common problems with research which ultimately leads to its retraction.
- To develop an understanding of conflicts-of-interest and how they can distort research findings and policy formulation.
- To identify problems in monitoring for adverse events in medical implants and how nonreporting of data and ineffective postmarket followup has placed patients at risk.
- To describe how research integrity problems have affected the formulation of healthcare policy designed to halt the epidemic of resistant bacteria.
- To be able to discuss the importance of a culture of safety and healthcare accountability.

Conference Registration

Registration desk opens at 7:15 am. Conference starts at 8:30 am and ends at 5:00 pm.

Continuing Education: Applications have been submitted for 6.0 hours of continuing education credits for Physicians (AMA Category I), Physician Assistants, Nurse Practitioners, Nurses, Occupational Therapists, and Physical Therapists.

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Conference Topics

Research Integrity & Healthcare Policy

1. Impact of Conflicts-of-Interest.
2. Retractions of Research Articles—Frequency and Causes.

Medical Devices & Healthcare Infections

1. MRI Changes Associated With Heavy Metal Toxicity In Metal Hip Implant Patients.
2. Identifying Dangerous Metal Devices.
3. Setting Standards for Sepsis.
4. MRSA Tracking & Incidence in the U.S.

A Patient Advocate's Story

1. The Importance of Nursing in Preventing Adverse Events.

Culture of Safety & Healthcare Accountability

1. Culture of Safety and Adverse Events.

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M. Joycelyn Elders, MD.
Past U.S. Surgeon General. Presenting on the importance of a culture of patient safety.



Emily Paterson
A patient advocate's story



Stephen Tower, MD.
Hip Implants & MRI Changes With Associated Toxic Metal Poisoning



Said Abusalem, MD.
The Importance of A Culture of Safety

Kevin Kavanagh, MD, MS
MRSA Tracking Systems in the United States and Projections on Meeting 2020 Goals.

Exhibitors—More to Come !!

- Consumer Union
- Failed Implant Device Association
- Kentucky Association for Healthcare Quality
- Kentucky Long-Term Care Ombudsman Association
- DNV-GL Healthcare

Keynote Speakers

Karen L. Posner, PhD. Laura Cheney
Professor in Anesthesia Patient Safety.
Presenting on: The Closed Claims Project
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Jim Bailey, MD, MPH.
The End of Healing and the Path to Better Healthcare.
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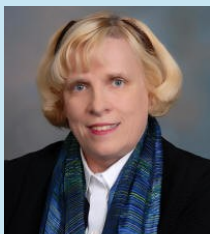
Lars Aanning, MD.
Video Documentation in the Surgical Suite.
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Mark Davis, MD.
Safer Surgical Instrumentation and Protection for Surgeons and Patients
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Karen D. Meyers, MBA/JD, MEd.
Involving Patients and Families In Quality Initiatives-Improving Outcomes under The Affordable Care Act.
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November 4, 2016
Four-Points Sheraton, Lexington, KY

Conference Objectives

- To describe the impact and magnitude of the problem of adverse events.
- To develop an appreciation of the importance of a culture of safety and the investment in patient safety in the prevention of adverse events.
- To identify problems in research integrity and conflicts-of-interest which hampers initiatives to prevent adverse events.
- To describe the importance of nursing in the prevention of adverse events.
- To be able discuss medical device patient safety problems.

Conference Registration

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Conference Topics

Preventable Adverse Events (AEs)

1. How often do they occur.
2. Are there risk factors to predict AEs?
3. Impact of research misconduct on the inhibiting strategies to prevent AEs.
4. Factors which inhibit the adoption of safe surgical practices.
5. Do surgeries need recording devices similar to airplanes?
6. Involving Patients and Families in Quality Initiatives

Medical Devices & Healthcare Infections

1. Risks of Metal Hip Implants.
2. Resistant Bacteria reporting in Kentucky

Stories of Patient Advocates

1. The Importance of Nursing in Preventing Adverse Events.
2. MRSA & Healthcare Infections—a continuing risk to patients.

Full Disclosure of Adverse Events.

1. The first step in patient healing and AE prevention.

Overuse of Healthcare.

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Presenting on the epidemic of adverse events in the U.S. Healthcare System.



Deena Sowa McCollum, RN.
Presenting on the importance of nursing to patient safety



Andrea Flinchum, MPH, BSN.
Kentucky Healthcare Associated Infection Reporting and Prevention

Daniel Saman, DrPH, MPH, CPH.
Patient Safety Advocate, Heath Watch USA, Epidemiologist.

Said Abusalem, PhD, RN. The importance of nursing in the prevention of adverse events.

Stephen Tower, MD.
Medical Device Safety Advocate and Health Watch USA Board Member.

Steve Kraman, MD.
Patient Advocate & Health Watch USA Board Member.
Full Disclosure the AHRQ.CANDOR Process & Toolkit

Exhibitors—More to Come !!

- Consumer Union
- Kentucky Vision Project
- Failed Implant Device Association
- University of Kentucky Medical Center Library
- Kentucky Association for Healthcare Quality

Keynote Speakers

Peter Eisler
USA Today
Investigative
Reporter,
Medical Device
Quality Assurance.



Kaci Hickox, RN, MSN, Healthcare Advocate who treated Ebola patients in Africa and underwent mandatory quarantine, despite being asymptomatic. She won her court battle against home quarantine in Maine.



Briana Aquirre, RN, Nurse and Healthcare Quality Advocate who treated the first healthcare acquired Ebola infection.



Joycelyn Elders, MD, Past U.S. Surgeon General and Patient Advocate.



Richard Wild, MD, Chief Medical Officer, CMS Atlanta Region. CMS Healthcare Quality Initiatives.



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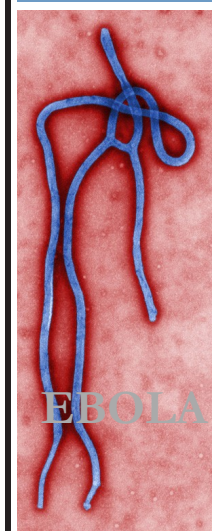
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November 13, 2015
Four-Points Sheraton, Lexington, KY

Conference Objectives

- To understand the importance of full disclosure and its importance to both the patient and in quality assurance.
- To become familiar with the reported safety problems of medical devices and how lax oversight and post marketing reporting has exacerbated medical quality problems.
- To understand the importance of having strong standards in the prevention of infectious disease.
- To develop insight into some of the healthcare policy problems which came to light during the Ebola outbreak in the United States.
- To understand problems in and areas of deficiency in healthcare quality assurance.

Conference Registration

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Continuing Education: 6.25 hours of continuing education credits has been approved for Physicians (AMA Category I), Physician Assistants, Nurse Practitioners, and Nurses. Applications have been made for Occupational Therapists, Social Workers, Pharmacists, Physical Therapists and for Continuing Legal education.

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Conference Topics

Infectious Disease

1. **Are we Prepared for an Ebola Epidemic?**
2. **Do We Need Stronger Standards to Control Infections?**
3. **Kentucky's Revised Regulations on Infectious Disease Reporting.**
4. **Reporting of Catheter Associated Urinary Tract Infections.**

Medical Devices

1. **Risks of Metal Hip Implants.**
2. **Problems with Surgical Mesh**
3. **Dangers of Retrograde Endoscopes.**

Stories of Patient Advocates

1. **A Patient Advocate Perspective on Government Oversight Agencies in Assurance of Healthcare Quality.**
2. **Healthcare Infections—a continuing risk to patients.**
3. **The Impact on Patient Safety of Not Disclosing Adverse Events.**

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Rice Leach, MD, MSHSA.
Commissioner of Health, Lexington-Fayette County Health Department

Daniel Saman, DrPH, MPH. CPH.
Patient Safety Advocate, Health Watch USA, Chief Epidemiologist.

Kathy Day, RN.
Patient activist and advocate and Health Watch USA Board of Directors Member, Founder of McCleary MRSA Prevention.

David Antoon
Patient Advocate. The dangers of a Culture of Defend and Deny

Joleen Chambers
Founder of the Failed Implant Device Association and Health Watch USA Board Member.

Steven Tower, MD.
Medical Device Safety Advocate and Health Watch USA Board Member.

Exhibitors—More to Come !!

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- Cepheid Corporation
- Kentucky Vision Project
- Failed Implant Device Association
- CareSource
- Kentucky Association for Healthcare Quality

Keynote Speakers

James M. Anderson
Board of Directors
Institute for Healthcare
Improvement & former
CEO of Cincinnati Chil-
dren's Hosp. Med. Ctr.
Presenting—Disclosure
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Defend and Deny



Steve Kraman, MD

Transparency in risk
management facilitates
patient safety improve-
ments.



Marvin Feit, PhD

Founding Editor of the
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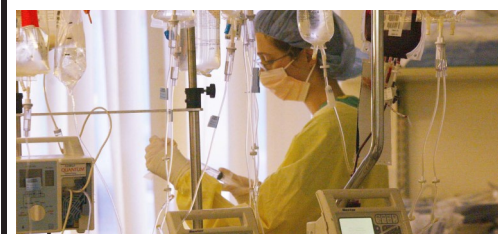
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November 7, 2014
Four-Points Sheraton, Lexington, KY

Conference Objectives

- To develop a working knowledge of the 2015 CMS initiatives to reduce hospital acquired conditions.
- To become familiar with the research behind the use of surveillance vs universal decolonization to control MRSA.
- To understand methods of preventing surgical infections and the importance of antibiotic stewardship.
- To identify the importance of Full Disclosure of Adverse Events and how it impacts both patient and hospital safety.
- To be able to better counsel patients regarding the risks of metal on metal implants and the flaws in their approval process.

Conference Registration

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Continuing Education: 6.25 hours of continuing education credits has been approved for Physicians (AMA Category I), Physician Assistants, Nurse Practitioners, Nurses, Occupational Therapists, Social Workers, Pharmacists, and Physical Therapists. Legal educational credits approved from the KY and OH Bar.

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Conference Topics

Disclosure of Adverse Events

1. The Importance of Transparency.
2. The Impact on Patients of Not Disclosing Events.
3. The Impact on Patient Safety of Not Disclosing Adverse Events.

Patient Advocacy

1. The Importance of Patient Centered Care.
2. Medical Devices—Metal on Metal Hip Implants and the 510K Approval Process.

Healthcare Associated Infections

1. CMS Value Purchasing Initiatives & Healthcare Acquired Conditions.
2. Kentucky's Revised Regulations on Reporting of HAI.
3. Prevention of Surgical MRSA Infections & multi resistant bacteria.
4. Screening for MRSA.
5. Screening for MRSA in Surgery Patients.

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Chairman Tom Burch
Kentucky House Health and Welfare Committee.



Raul Nakamatsu, MD. Universal MRSA Surveillance, the Louisville VA Hospital Experience.



Steve Tower, MD
Dangers of Metal on Metal Hip implants and the 510K approval process.

Karen Meyers, MBA/JD, MEd, CPCU, FLMI, CLU, CSSC The Affordable Care Act-Opportunities for Patient & Family Center Care and Quality Family Centered Care

Kathy Day, RN: MRSA Patient Advocacy

Exhibitors—More to Come !!

- Cardinal Hill Rehabilitation Hospital
- Pink Connection
- Kentucky Vision Project
- Kentucky AARP
- Failed Implant Device Association
- Kentucky Association for Healthcare Quality

Keynote Speakers

Jeannie Cimiotti

Executive Director New Jersey Collaborating Center for Nursing. Presenting on Nurse Burnout and Quality Working Environment.



Joycelyn Elders, MD

Past U.S. Surgeon General and Patient Advocate.



Richard Wild, MD

Chief Medical Officer, CMS Atlanta Region. Hospital Safety.



Helen Haskell,

Founder of Mothers Against Medical Error. Board of Director Member IHI



Joleen Chambers

Founder of the FAILED Implant Device Alliance

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Marvin Feit PhD

Founding Editor of the journal Social Work and Public Health (formerly the Journal of Health and Social Policy.).



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7th Annual Conference
Fostering a
Culture of Safety

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Patient Safety



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November 1, 2013
Four-Points Sheraton, Lexington, KY

Conference Objectives

To identify the important factors which can inhibit or promote a culture of safety in medical delivery systems.

To be able to discuss the advantages of full disclosure and how it is important for a culture of safety.

To understand the importance of proper working environment and the safety risks that staff burnout creates.

To be able to describe the importance of health-care transparency and how the sunshine act will shed light on pharmaceutical and medical device industry payments to physicians..

To recognize the risks of medical devices and problems with the current approval process.

Conference Registration

Registration desk opens at 7:15 am. Conference starts at 8:30 am and ends at 5:00 pm.

Continuing Education: 6.25 hours of continuing education credits has been approved for Physicians (AMA Category I), Physician Assistants, Nurse Practitioners, Nurses and Physical Therapists. Applied for Occupational Therapists and Social Workers. 7.25 hours of CLE by the Kentucky Bar.

Accrediting Organizations: Southern Kentucky Area Health Education Center,. Check www.healthconference.org for updates on Continuing

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Conference Topics

Fostering a Culture of Safety

1. Learning from Patient Stories.
2. Changing a Culture of Blame to a Culture of Safety.
3. Full Disclosure of Medical Errors.
4. Engagement of Hospitals on Patient Safety.
5. ICU CLABSI rates predictive of the Facility Wide Culture of Safety.

Fostering a Proper Working Environment

1. Ethical Dilemmas of the Employed Physician.
2. Nursing Burnout.
3. Environmental Factors for Patient Safety.

External Forces Influencing Patient Safety

1. Pharmaceutical Industry and CMS Sunshine Act.
2. Medical Devices.

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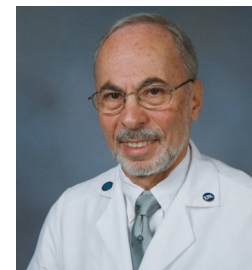
www.healthconference.org

Or contact the conference coordinator Cathy Kavanagh at 606-425-7278.



Registration Fee (non-refundable but transferable): \$50 including box lunch.

Steve Kraman, MD
Full Disclosure of Medical Errors



Keith Widmeier Transforming a Culture of Blame to a Culture of Safety



Daniel Saman, DrPH, MPH, CPH
Medicare Patient Surveys and The Culture of Safety.



Martha Deed, PhD
Engagement of Hospitals on Patient Safety.



Exhibitors—More to Come !!

- Cardinal Hill Rehabilitation Hospital
- Pink Connection
- Kentucky Vision Project
- Kentucky AARP
- Author Martha Deed
- Kentucky Health Benefits Exchange
- CoventryCares of Kentucky

Keynote Speakers

Rosemary Gibson

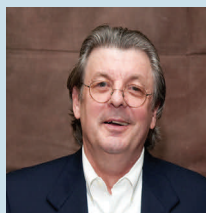
on Medical Overutilization. Critically Acclaimed Author of "The Treatment Trap".

www.treatmenttrap.org



Howard Blackburn, Jr., MA, SPHR

Chair elect of the Kentucky Society of Human Resource Management.



Joycelyn Elders, MD

Past U.S. Surgeon General and Patient Advocate.



Richard Wild, MD

Chief Medical Officer, CMS Atlanta Region. Hospital Safety. -- Teleconference



Patty Skolnik

Founder of Citizens for Patient Safety, Presenting on Shared Decision Making. www.citizensforpatientsafety.org



Karen Curtiss

Author: "Safe & Sound in the Hospital". President, & Founder PartnerHealth www.PartnerHealth.com www.CampaignZERO.org



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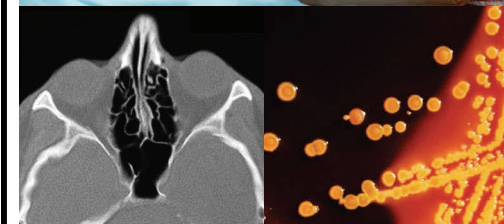
6th Annual Conference
Obtaining High Quality
Low Cost Healthcare

Conference for Healthcare Transparency & Patient Advocacy

Healthcare Value



Stop Adverse Events



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November 9, 2012
Four-Points Sheraton, Lexington, KY

Conference Objectives

To be able to engage in shared decision making.

To recognize the dangers in medical overutilization and the medical device controversy.

To be able, as a patient or custodian, to help healthcare providers avoid medical errors and adverse medical events.

To recognize the principles in obtaining the highest quality and cost of healthcare (Value Purchasing.)

To access some of the resources available to patients to aid them in their decision making. (KY Monarch, Hospital Compare, AARP, Consumer Union).

To understand the types of measures of healthcare quality and their usefulness.

To be able to discuss the controversy regarding the use and utilization of medical devices.

To identify the challenges in care of the older patient and common problems encountered.

Conference Registration

Continuing Education: 6.25 hours of continuing education credits has been applied for Physicians, Physician Assistants, Nurse Practitioners, Nurses, Physical Therapists, Occupational Therapists, Social Workers and Human Resource Managers (PHR, SPHR and GPHR). CLE for Attorneys has been applied for.

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Conference Agenda

Shared Decision Making & Value Purchasing Obtaining Low Cost, High Quality Healthcare.

November 9, 2012 8:30 am to 5:00 pm
Four-Points Sheraton, Lexington, KY
Registration Desk Opens at 7:15 am

Shared Decision Making.

Healthcare Overutilization.

Avoiding Medical Complications.

— CampaignZERO

— AARP Guidance.

— Hospital Compare and CMS Initiatives.

Value Purchasing.

— How to Shop for Healthcare.

— Using KY CHFS MONAHRQ Website.

— Which Quality Measures are More Useful.

— Methods of Public Reporting of Infections.

— Medical Devices, What is All the Controversy About ?

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Leana S. Wen, MD, MS President of the American Academy of Emergency Physicians/Residents and Students Association, Author of [*“When Doctors Don’t Listen: How to Avoid Misdiagnoses and Unnecessary Tests”*](#)



Tihisha Rawlins, MPA

Associate State Director of Advocacy, Kentucky AARP, Presenting on AARP Patient Safety Recommendations.



Helen Bukulmez, JD

Health Watch USA, Attorney at Law, Presenting on Medical Devices.



Said Abusalem, PhD, RN

Health Watch USA & University of Louisville, Presenting on Measurements of Quality.

Daniel Saman, DrPH, MPH, CPH

Health Watch USA, Epidemiologist, Presenting on Methods of Reporting Infections.

Chandra Venettozzi Kentucky CHFS, Office of Health Policy, Presenting on MONAHRQ.

Exhibitors—More to Come !!

- AARP -Kentucky
- Cardinal Hill Rehabilitation Hospital
- Kentuckians for Nursing Home Reform
- Kentucky Healthy Homes and Lead Poisoning Prevention Program
- Kentucky Pink Connection
- Kentucky Vision Project
- Smoke Free Kentucky
- Transitions Mobility and Elevator, LLC

Keynote Speakers

John Santa, MD, MPH

Director of the Health Ratings
Center for Consumer Reports



Maryn McKenna, MSJ

Best selling author of
"SUPERBUG: The Fatal Menace
of MRSA", and "BEATING BACK
THE DEVIL: On the Front Lines
with the Disease Detectives of the
Epidemic Intelligence Service".



Frances A. Griffin,

Senior Manager of Clinical Pro-
grams, BD.
Medical & Faculty at the Institute
for Healthcare Improvement.
Co-Author: [Global Trigger Tool](#)
[shows that adverse events in](#)
[hospitals may be ten times greater](#)
[than previously measured.](#)



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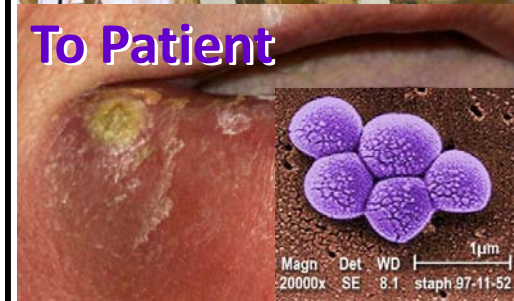
5th Annual Conference
Hospital Acquired
Conditions & Infections

Conference for Healthcare Transparency & Patient Advocacy

Healthcare Policy



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Research Council)

November 11, 2011
Embassy Suites, Lexington, KY

Conference Objectives

To recognize the impact of hospital acquired infections and the importance of public reporting in its prevention.

To understand the impact that implementation of institutional and community transparency has on the quality of the institution.

To be able to discuss barriers encountered in the control of healthcare acquired infections.

To understand the importance of shared decision making with the patient.

To advocate for change using principles of transformational leadership.

To list the benefits of full disclosure.

Conference Registration

Registration Fee (non-refundable): \$50 including box lunch. To register for the Conference go online to: www.healthconference.org

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Continuing Education: 6.5 hours of continuing education credits has been approved for Physicians, Physician Assistants, and Nurse Practitioners, Nurses, Physical Therapists Human Resource Managers (PHR, SPHR and GPHR). 5.25 hours of CLE approved for Attorneys. Continuing education has been applied for Occupational Therapists, & Social Workers.

Accrediting Organizations: Southern Kentucky Area Health Education Center, and the HR Certification Institute.

Conference Agenda

Health Care Reform, Transparency and Patient Advocacy

November 11, 2011 8:30 am to 5:00 pm
Embassy Suites, Lexington, KY

Registration Desk Opens at 7:15 am

Healthcare Acquired Infections & Transparency:

Healthcare Policy & Healthcare Acquired Infections

Transparency of Healthcare Acquired Infections.

Transparency of Healthcare Acquired Conditions at Oakwood Community Center

Norton Health Systems - National Leader in Transparency.

Patient Advocacy:

The impact of Medical Errors & Infections on Patients.

Transformational Leadership.

The Benefits of Full Disclosure.

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Conference Coordinator

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Representative Tom Burch
Chairman of the Kentucky House
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Editor of *Social Work and Public Health*, formerly called *Journal of Health and Social Policy*.



Helen Bukulmez, JD

Health Watch USA
Medical Law and Ethics Instructor
- *Benefits of Full Disclosure*.



Ben Yandell, PhD, CQE

Associate Vice President Clinical Information Analysis, Norton Healthcare, Louisville, KY. Norton Healthcare is the recipient of the NQF's National Quality Healthcare Award for 2011.



Keith Sinclair, MD, FACS

Medical Director, Bluegrass
Oakwood Community Center,
Somerset, KY



Exhibitors

- Advanced Sterilization Products (ASP)
- AltaCLEAN
- AARP -Kentucky
- BlueGrass Mental Health
- Cardinal Hill Rehabilitation Hospital
- Kentucky Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention Program
- Kentucky Voices for Health
- Kentucky Vision Project
- LABSCO: Laboratory Supply Company
- Mental Health America of Kentucky
- Pink Connection
- US Hygiene

Keynote Speakers

Richard Wild, MD, JD

Chief Medical Officer, Atlanta Regional Office, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid

Services (CMS), will present on, "CMS Perspectives on Value Based Purchasing, P4P, and Meaningful Use of Electronic Health Records.



James Battles, PhD

Center for Quality Improvement and Patient Safety, AHRQ - Presenting on Quality and Safety Provisions in the New Health Care Reform Law.



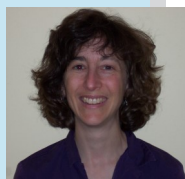
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Jill Rosenthal

Program Director, National Academy for State Health Policy -- Presenting on State Medicaid Policy on Hospital Acquired Conditions.



Jeannie Cimiotti, DNSc, RN

Center for Health Outcomes and Policy Research, University of Pennsylvania – School of Nursing.



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Pulaski County Medical Society
Pittsburg Tribune-Review (Patient Photograph)

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4th Annual Conference
Value Purchasing and
Patient Advocacy

Conference for Healthcare Transparency & Patient Advocacy

Healthcare Policy



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November 19, 2010
Embassy Suites, Lexington, KY

Conference Objectives

To understand the impact of hospital acquired infections and the importance of public reporting in its prevention.

To understand the 2010 Healthcare Reform Law and its effect on transparency, healthcare quality and state Medicaid policy.

To understand the effects of Healthcare Reform on Medicare and the benefits to the senior citizen.

To identify available insurance and financial resources for the disabled.

To understand the importance of adequate nursing staffing on healthcare quality and the impact of mandatory minimum staffing ratios.

Conference Registration

Registration Fee (non-refundable but transferable): \$50 including box lunch.

To register for the Conference go online to:

www.healthconference.org

Or contact the conference coordinator at 606-425-7278 and ask for Cathy.

Continuing Education: 6.0 hours of continuing education credits for doctors, nurses, and physical therapists. 6.0 hours of continuing legal education (CLE) for attorneys. 6.5 credit hours towards PHR, SPHR and GPHR recertification through the HR Certification Institute. 6.0 hours has been applied for occupational therapists and social workers.

Accrediting Organizations: Southeastern Kentucky Area Health Education Center, Kentucky Justice Association, and the HR Certification Institute.

Conference Agenda

Health Care Reform, Transparency and Patient Advocacy



November 19, 2010 8:30 am to 5:00 pm
Embassy Suites, Lexington, KY

Registration Desk Opens at 7:15 am

Health Care Reform and its Effect on Value Purchasing And Transparency:

Quality and Safety Provisions in the Healthcare Reform Law.

Medicaid Policy and Hospital Acquired Conditions.

Patient Advocacy:

Hospital Acquired Infections.

The importance of Adequate Nursing Staffing.
Resources Available to the Disabled.

Healthcare Reform's impact on Medicare.

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Editor of the Journal of Social Work
in Public Health



Lisa McGiffert

Consumer Union. Senior Policy
Analyst on Health Issues Campaign
Director,
www.StopHospitalInfections.org



Alicia Cole

Patient Advocate, Actress, and
Necrotizing Fasciitis Survivor
- A Hospital Acquired Condition.
www.aliciacole.com



David Bryant, JD

Private Insurance and Government
Resources for the Disabled. Pitfalls
and Difficulties in Obtaining
Benefits.



Tihisha Rawlins

AARP Kentucky Associate State
Director of Grassroots Initiatives.
Healthcare Reform and Medicare.



Exhibitors

- American Association of Retired Persons - Kentucky
- American Cancer Society - Kentucky
- American Heart Association - Kentucky
- American Lung Association - Kentucky
- Cardinal Hill Rehabilitation Hospital
- Health Kentucky
- Kentucky Protection and Advocacy
- Kentuckians for Nursing Home Reform
- Kentucky Pink Link
- Mental Health America of Kentucky

Keynote Speaker

Dr. Regina Herzlinger

Professor of Business Administration,
Chair at the Harvard Business
School. Author of "Who Killed
Health Care?" and Consumer-
Driven Health Care: Implications for Providers,
Payers, and Policymakers..



Daniel Mongiardo, MD

Lieutenant Governor State of
Kentucky



Joycelyn Elders, MD

Past US Surgeon General and
patient advocate.



L. D. Britt, MD, FACS

Chairman of the Board of Regents
American College of Surgeons..
- The Physician Shortage



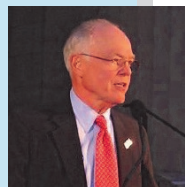
Nadeem Esmail

Director of Health System Perform-
ance Studies and Manager of the
Alberta Policy Research Centre at the
Fraser Institute.
- The Canadian Healthcare System



Garrett Adams, MD

Physicians for a National Healthcare
Program.
- The Single Payer System



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Anthem Blue Cross Blue Shield of Kentucky
Consumers Union
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3rd Annual Conference
A Critical Analysis of
Health Care Reform

Conference for Healthcare Transparency & Patient Advocacy



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Council)

November 13, 2009
Four Points Sheraton, Lexington, KY

Conference Objectives

To understand the impact of the uninsured on the health care system.

To differentiate the merits and problems with the various types of health care delivery systems and their abilities to serve the uninsured, including:

- Single-Payer System
- Canadian Health Care System
- Consumer-Driven Health Care

To list the contributing factors leading to a shortage of nurses, primary care physicians and general surgeons.

To understand the regulatory impact of the Certificate of Need on competition.

Conference Registration

Registration Fee (non-refundable): \$35 including box lunch. To register for the Conference go online to: www.healthconference.org

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Continuing Education: 6.5 hours of continuing education credits are offered for nurses, and doctors. 6.25 hours of continuing legal education (CLE) are offered for attorneys. 6.75 hours (PHR, SPHR and GPHR) are offered for Human Resource Managers. Approval is pending for 6.0 credit hours for social workers,.

Accrediting Organizations: Southeastern Kentucky Area Health Education Center, Kentucky Justice Association, and the HR Certification Institute.

Conference Agenda

A Critical Analysis of Health Care Reform

November 13, 2009 8:45 am to 5:00 pm
Four Points Sheraton, Lexington, KY

Registration Desk Opens at 7:30 am

Perspectives on Health Care Reform:

- The case for 'Consumer Driven Health Care'.
- The case for the 'Single Payer System'.
- How well is the Canadian System Doing ?

Competition in Our Healthcare System:

- New initiatives in healthcare
- How to compare health care prices.
- The Certificate of Need — Is it good for our healthcare system ?

Health Care System in Crisis:

- The Physician and Surgeon Shortage
- The Nursing Shortage
- The Uninsured—Who are they ??

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Twila Brase RN, PHN

President, Citizens' Council on Health Care. - Patient Centered Health Care.



Pat Tanner, BSN, MPA

Past President—Kentucky Nurses Association
The Nursing Shortage



Joseph Miller, JD

Assistant Chief, Anti-Trust Division Office of the US Assistant Attorney General - The Certificate of Need.

Elissa Schuler Adair, PhD

Manager of Healthcare Research for Consumer Reports Magazine (Consumer Union).
- Healthcare Transparency.



Exhibitors

- American Cancer Society—Kentucky
- American Heart Association—Kentucky
- Blue Grass Institute
- Cardinal Hill Healthcare System
- Geriatric Oncology Consortium
- Kentucky Action
- Kentuckians for Nursing Home Reform
- Kentucky State Department of Health
- Out of Pocket
- Surgical Care Affiliates

Participating Organizations

Kentuckians for Nursing Home Reform

Keynote Speakers

Nancy Wilson, MD, MPH

Joint Senior Advisor to Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality (AHRQ) and CMS.



Marvin Feit, PhD - Editor

Journal of Health and Social Policy.



Robert L. Abell, JD

Thomas Burch

State Representative and Chairman of the House Health and Welfare Committee.

Ken Connor, JD

Chairman Center for a Just Society.

Zenei Cortez, RN

President California Nurses Association and National Nurses Organizing Committee.

Martin Hatfield, JD - Past Assistant US Attorney, & Patient Advocate.

Kraig Humbaugh, MD, MPH

Director, Division of Epidemiology and Health Planning, Kentucky Dept. of Public Health.

Kevin Kavanagh, MD

Chairman Health Watch USA

Lisa McGriffert

Director of the Consumers Union (Consumer Reports) project on public disclosure of healthcare acquired infections.

Rudy Rupak

Founder of Planethospital. The largest Medical Tourism Company in the World.

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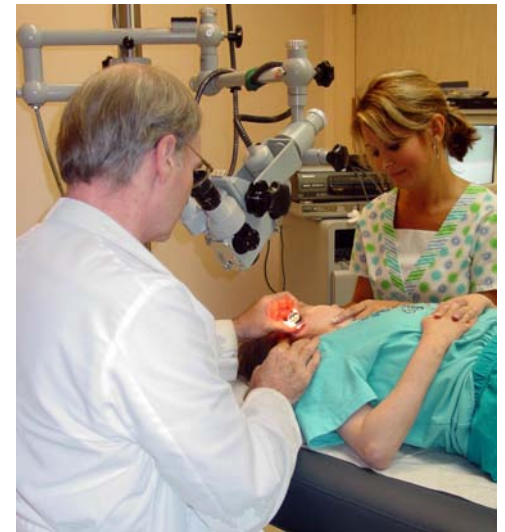
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Laurel County Medical Society
Pulaski County Medical Society
Kentucky Watch

Participating Organizations:

Kentuckians for Nursing Home Reform

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& OECD 2007 Factbook)



November 20, 2008
Four Points Sheraton, Lexington, KY

Conference Objectives

To empower attendees to become more effective patient advocate by understanding the role and resources State Boards provide in Kentucky.

To be able to discuss “Never Events” and their impact on healthcare economics and patient safety. To understand the importance of adequate nursing staffing on the prevention of “Never Events”.

To learn the importance of facility acquired infections and multi-resistant drug organisms.

To identify new and current quality transparency resources in our Healthcare system and be able to teach patients on how to obtain information regarding healthcare quality and shop effectively for healthcare quality.

To be able to judge healthcare value and be able to shop for it on a regional, national and world-wide basis.

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Conference Agenda

November 20, 2008 8:30 am to 4:45 pm

Registration Desk Opens at 7:30 am

Never Events, Hospital Acquired Infections, Health Care Transparency and Patient Advocacy.

Patient Protection:

- ** State boards what they do to promote healthcare quality and patient protection.
- ** Nurse to Patient Ratios and its impact on patient safety.

Transparency in Quality:

- ** The importance of Multi-Drug resistant organisms and hospital acquired infections.
- ** Implementation of Kentucky's Transparency Initiative HB 44.
- ** “Never Events—What they are and Medicare's new policy regarding”.

Keynote Speaker: The Importance of Transparency in our Healthcare System.

Competition in Our Healthcare System:

- ** The history of the Certificate of Need and its impact on our healthcare system.
- ** Medical Tourism—We are in a world-wide market.

A Critical Analysis of the impact of the 2007-2008 Kentucky legislative Initiatives.

SB 83 - Mandatory Reporting of Hospital Acquired Infections.

HB 602 - A strengthening or weakening of healthcare whistleblower protection?

HB 109 - Mandatory Nursing Home Staff Levels.

Conference Registration:

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Conference Fee is \$35 including box lunch. (fee is non-refundable)

Six hours of continuing education credits are offered for Nurses and Doctors. Approval is pending for credits for Attorneys, Human Resource Managers (by HRCI) and Social Workers.

Accrediting Organizations: Southeastern Kentucky Area Health Education Center.

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Keynote Speakers

Joycelyn Elders, MD
former US Surgeon General.



Marvin Feit, PhD - Editor
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Lieutenant Governor Steve Pence
Introduction & Welcome

Robert L. Abell, JD

Dave Adkisson — President
Kentucky Chamber of Commerce.

Alice Bodley - General Counsel
American Nurses Association

Zenei Cortez, RN - President
California Nurses Association and National
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Allen Grimes, MD
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Tom Hubbell, MD
Physicians for a National Health Program

Kevin Kavanagh, MD
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Mark Lamberth - President
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Past-President Kentucky Nurses Association

Bernie Vonderheide - President &
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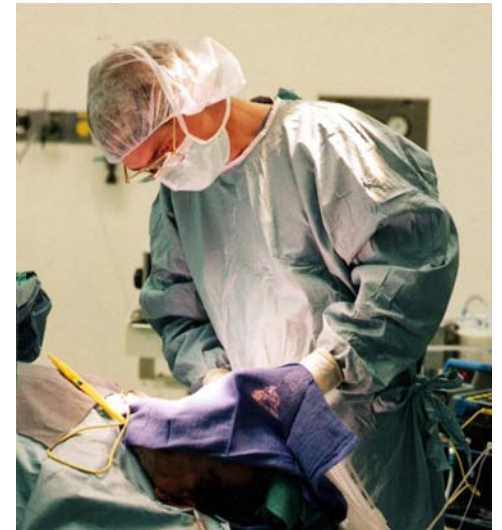
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Participating Organizations:

Kentuckians for Nursing Home Reform
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Kentucky Healthcare
45th in the Nation

Conference for Healthcare Transparency & Patient Advocacy



Kentucky 45th in a country with
below average healthcare for
industrialized nations.

(source: Commonwealth Fund
& OECD 2007 Factbook)



November 16, 2007
Four Points Sheraton, Lexington, KY

Conference Objectives

To empower attendees to be an effective patient advocate by stressing their legal and moral obligations and to provide them with avenues and agencies which can support them in their efforts.

To identify the current cost transparency resources in the Kentucky Health care system and be able to teach patients on how to obtain information regarding health care costs and to shop for cost effective health care.

To identify the current quality transparency resources in the Kentucky Health care system and be able to teach patients on how to obtain information regarding health care quality and shop effectively for health care quality.

To describe the current status of Kentucky health care laws, the protections they provide health care workers and the shortcomings and pitfalls that these laws have.

To be able to discuss how health care reform may impact health care quality and cost.



Conference Agenda

November 16, 2007 8:30 am to 4:45 pm

Registration Desk Opens at 7:30 am

The United State's Health Care System in Crisis

Transparency in Quality

- ** The Importance of the Registered Nurse in providing safe & effective patient care. The Federal Government and the Joint Commission, their effectiveness as watchdogs of patient safety coming into question.
- ** What Is Done In Other States. A critical look at Pennsylvania and Florida's comparison of health care.
- ** What information is available to the KY consumer.

Transparency in Costs

- ** Understanding Medical Billing.
- ** What is available to the consumer in other states.
- ** What is available to the Kentucky consumer.

Should the Joint Commission be the sole guardian of Kentucky's Health Care? Kentucky Regulations for Health Care Facility Quality and Patient Care Needs.

Keynote Speaker: The Importance of being a Patient Advocate:

Minimum Nurse to Patient Ratios with Acuity Based Standards:

- ** The Case For in Acute Care Facilities.
- ** The Case For in Long Term Care Facilities.

The Nursing Shortage: Does it exist?

Responsibilities of the Healthcare Provider:

- ** Reporting healthcare problems. Legal safeguards given to whistleblowers.
- ** KY Patient Safety Act what it does & does not do.

Universal Health Care:

- ** Case For a Single-Payer System.
- ** Case Against Single-Payer System.

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Six hours of continuing education credits are available for Registered Nurses, Physicians and Attorneys, 6.5 hours are approved for Human Resource Managers by HRCI. Applications for CEUs for Social Workers, has been made and approval is pending.

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