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Kevin Kavanagh retired from medical practice over ten years ago from long-standing severe arthritis which was treated with multiple operations and the placement of Bone Morphogenic Protein in his neck which caused long-term symptoms. Recently, he has undergone surgical treatment for cancer, a treatment which was successful, but delayed due to the medical center being overwhelmed with COVID-19 patients. Dr. Kavanagh is currently Board Chairman of Health Watch USA<sup>SM</sup>, a Kentucky based non-profit patient advocacy and research organization. Health Watch USA<sup>SM</sup> is a member of the National Quality Forum and has been designated as a “Community Leader” for Value-Driven Healthcare by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. Dr. Kavanagh is an Associate Editor for the

Journal of Patient Safety. On Aug. 20, 2014, Dr. Kavanagh became a CDC & ATSDR Honor Award Nominee. He has served on the 2014, 2015, 2017 and 2018 Centers for Medicaid and Medicare Services’(CMS) Hospital-Acquired Condition (HAC) Reduction Program Technical Expert Panel, along with the AHRQ Standing Working Group for Quality Indicators for 2016 to 2017. Currently, he is serving on the Mathematica Hospital Harm Technical Expert Panel which develops patient harm measures for CMS and has served as a member of the National Quality Forum’s Consensus Standards Approval Committee. He has served on the AHRQ for Health Care Effectiveness and Outcomes Research (HEOR) Study Section from 2018 to 2022. He has published 36 peer-reviewed manuscripts on healthcare policy and/or healthcare associated infections. In addition, he has published letters in peer-reviewed journals including the Journal of the American Medical Association and New England Journal of Medicine. Dr. Kavanagh is also a frequent contributor to the Lexington Herald Leader, and Courier Journal regarding healthcare issues. He has published over 150 articles in Infection Control Today and over 250 Jack Pattie Radio Show segments, regarding the COVID-19 pandemic.

## Education

**Undergraduate:** University of Nevada at Reno, Reno, Nevada, 1972 - 1975, BS awarded in 1975. (Note: Dr Kavanagh started medical school at the age of 19, after 2 years of college. He was awarded a BS degree during his second year of medical school. )

### Graduate/Medical School:

1. University of Nevada at Reno, Reno, Nevada, 1974 – 1976.
2. University of New York at Buffalo, New York, 1976 - 1978, Awarded MD.
3. University of Iowa, Iowa City, Iowa, 1979 - 1983, Awarded MS.

**Internship:** General Surgery, Gunderson Clinic, LaCrosse, Wisconsin 1978-1979.

**Residency:** Department of Otolaryngology - Head and Neck Surgery, University of Iowa Hospitals, Iowa City, Iowa. 1979-1983.

**Medical License** – State of Kentucky.

### **Board Certification**

1. National Board of Medical Examiners (#192409), July 2, 1979.
2. American Board of Otolaryngology - Head and Neck Surgery, October 25, 1983

### **Recognitions and Awards**

1. **MNA Advocate for Nursing Award.** Massachusetts Nurses Association Nursing Advocacy Award. October 2021.
2. **CDC & ATSDR Honor Award Nominee.** “For forging a novel partnership aimed at eliminating infections in healthcare settings and protecting patients.” Aug. 20, 2014.
3. **Honor Award Certificate. National Center for Emerging and Zoonotic Infectious Disease.** “For forging a novel partnership aimed at eliminating infections in healthcare settings and protecting patients.” Jun. 28, 2014.

### **Editorial Boards**

- Software Review and Computer Applications Editor for "The Annals of Otolaryngology, Rhinology and Laryngology." Jan 1991 to June 2004.
- Member of the Editorial Board of the Journal of Patient Safety – Dec. 2012 to Present.
- Associate Editor of the Journal of Patient Safety – Jul. 2014 to Present.
- Editorial Board Infection Control Today. Apr. 2020 to Present.

### **Federal & National Advisory Panels**

- Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, 2014 Hospital-Acquired Condition (HAC) Reduction Program Technical Expert Panel (TEP).
- Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, 2015 Hospital-Acquired Condition (HAC) Reduction Program Technical Expert Panel (TEP).
- Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality (AHRQ), 2016 Quality Indicator (QI) Standing Workgroup (SWG).

- Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, Technical Expert Panel (TEP) for the Hospital Harm Performance Measure. 2017-2020.
- Study Section (grant review board) for Health Care Effectiveness and Outcomes Research (HEOR) Study Section. Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality. Feb., 2018 to June 2022.  
<https://www.ahrq.gov/funding/process/study-section/heorst.html>
- National Quality Forum. Member of the Consensus Standards Approval Committee (CSAC). Interim term appointment May 9, 2018-September 30, 2018. Reappointed to serve Jan. 1, 2019 to Dec. 31, 2022.
- Mathematica Hospital Harm Technical Expert Panel which develops patient harm measures for CMS. June 2024 to present.

### **University Appointments**

- 1. Assistant Professor, Department of Otolaryngology, University of Tennessee, Memphis, 1983 to 1987.
- 2. Associate Professor, Department of Otolaryngology, University of Tennessee, Memphis, 1987 to 1989.
- 3. Tenured Associate Professor, Department of Otolaryngology, University of Tennessee, Memphis, 1989 to 1992.
- 4. Associate Clinical Professor, Department of Surgery, Division of Otolaryngology, University of Kentucky, Lexington, 1993. Dr. Kavanagh left clinical practice on Feb. 5<sup>th</sup> 2010.

### **Peer Reviewed Articles on Healthcare Policy & Treatment Standards:**

1. Kavanagh KT, Smith T, Golden G, Tate N, and Hinkle W. Multivariate analysis of family risk factors in predicting appointment attendance in a pediatric otology and communication clinic. *Journal of Health and Social Policy*, 2:85-102,1991. PMID: 10116396
2. Kavanagh KT, Tate NP. Models to promote medical health care delivery for indigent families: Computerized tracking to case management. *Journal of Health and Social Policy*, 2:21-34,1990 PMID: 10119066
3. (Editorial) Kavanagh KT and Tate NP. Indigent medical care: Current challenges and solutions. *Journal of Health and Social Policy*, 2:1-7,1990 PMID: 10119065
4. (Editorial) Kavanagh KT and Hinkle W. National health care reform: Choice Opportunities. *Journal of Health and Social Policy*. 6(1):1-12, 1994 PMID: 10140435

5. Kavanagh KT. Financial Incentives to Promote Health Care Quality: The Hospital Acquired Conditions Nonpayment Policy. *Soc Work Public Health*. 2011 Aug 31;26(5):524-41. PMID: 21902485
6. Kavanagh KT. Health care integration: Will physicians lose their voice? *Bull Am Coll Surg*. 2011 Jun;96(6):28-30. PMID: 22315908 <https://pubmed.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/22315908/>
7. Kavanagh K, Abusalem S, Saman DM. A Perspective on the Evidence Regarding Methicillin-resistant *Staphylococcus aureus* Surveillance. *J Patient Saf*. 2012 Sep;8(3):140-3. doi: 10.1097/PTS.0b013e3182627b89. PMID 22874134  
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8. Kavanagh KT, Cimiotti JP, Abusalem S and Coty MB. Moving Healthcare Quality Forward With Nursing-Sensitive Value-Based Purchasing. *Journal of Nursing J Nurs Scholarsh*. 2012 Dec;44(4):385-95. doi: 10.1111/j.1547-5069.2012.01469.x. Epub 2012 Oct 15. PMID: 23066956  
<http://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/10.1111/j.1547-5069.2012.01469.x/full>
9. Saman DM, Kavanagh KT (corresponding author) and Abusalem S. Redefining the Standardized Infection Ratio to Aid in Consumer Value Purchasing. *Journal of Patient Safety*. 2013 Jun;9(2):55-8. PMID: 23370222  
[https://journals.lww.com/journalpatientsafety/Fulltext/2013/06000/Redefining\\_the\\_Standardized\\_Infection\\_Ratio\\_to\\_Aid.1.aspx](https://journals.lww.com/journalpatientsafety/Fulltext/2013/06000/Redefining_the_Standardized_Infection_Ratio_to_Aid.1.aspx)
10. Saman DM, Kavanagh KT, Johnson B, Lutfiyya MN. Can Inpatient Hospital Experiences Predict Central Line-associated Bloodstream Infections? *Plos One*. April. 5, 2013. PMID: 23577195  
<https://journals.plos.org/plosone/article?id=10.1371/journal.pone.0061097>
11. Kavanagh KT, Calderon LE, Saman DM. The Relationship Between Tort Reform and Medical Utilization. *J Patient Saf*. 2013 Oct 7. [Epub ahead of print] PMID: 24104483  
[http://journals.lww.com/journalpatientsafety/Fulltext/2014/12000/The\\_Relationship\\_Between\\_Tort\\_Reform\\_and\\_Medical.7.aspx](http://journals.lww.com/journalpatientsafety/Fulltext/2014/12000/The_Relationship_Between_Tort_Reform_and_Medical.7.aspx)
12. Kavanagh KT, Saman DM, Yu Y. A Perspective on How the United States Fell behind Northern Europe in the Battle against Methicillin-Resistant *Staphylococcus aureus*. *Antimicrob Agents Chemother*. 2013 Dec;57(12):5789-91. doi: 10.1128/AAC.01839-13. Epub 2013 Oct 7. PMID: 24100502 <https://journals.asm.org/doi/full/10.1128/aac.01839-13>
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16. Kavanagh KT. How I Was Prescribed an Unnecessary Antibiotic While Traveling to a Conference on Antibiotic Resistance. *JAMA Intern Med*. 2014 Sep;174(9):1433-4. doi: 10.1001/jamainternmed.2014.3412. <http://archinte.jamanetwork.com/article.aspx?articleid=1892183>
17. Wu AW, Kavanagh KT, Pronovost PJ, Bates DW. Conflict of interest, Dr Charles Denham and the Journal of Patient Safety. *J Patient Saf*. 2014 Dec;10(4):181-5. PMID: 25408235  
[https://journals.lww.com/journalpatientsafety/Fulltext/2014/12000/Conflict\\_of\\_Interest,\\_Dr\\_Charles\\_Denham\\_and\\_the.1.aspx](https://journals.lww.com/journalpatientsafety/Fulltext/2014/12000/Conflict_of_Interest,_Dr_Charles_Denham_and_the.1.aspx)
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29. Kavanagh KT, Pare J, Pontus, C. COVID-19: Through the Eyes through the Front Line, an International Perspective. *Antimicrobial Resistance and Infection Control*. Nov. 7, 2020. 179,  
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2. Kavanagh KT. In response to "Assessing nursing staffing ratios: variability in workload intensity". *Policy Polit Nurs Pract*. 2007 Aug;8(3):182. PMID: 18178924
3. Kavanagh K, Abusalem S. Mounting evidence supports universal surveillance for MRSA in preoperative patients. *J Am Col Surg*. 2011 Aug;213(2):335-6. PMID: 21787990
4. Kavanagh KT. A comment on: Jha AK, Joynt KE, Orav EJ, Epstein AM. The Long-Term Effect of Premier Pay for Performance on Patient Outcomes. *N Engl J Med*. 2012 Apr 26;366(17):1606-15. Epub 2012 Mar 28. PMID: 22455751; *N Engl J Med*. July 26, 2012; 367:381-383. PMID: 22830476
5. Kavanagh KT. A comment on: Lee GM, Kleinman K, Soumerai SB, Tse A, Cole D, Fridkin SK, Horan T, Platt R, Gay C, Kassler W, Goldmann DA, Jernigan J, Jha AK. Effect of nonpayment for preventable infections in U.S. hospitals. *N Engl J Med*. 2012 Oct 11;367(15):1428-37. *New England Journal of Medicine*. 2013; Jan. 368:191-192. PMID: 23301747
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