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Public Reporting of Hospital Acquired Infections

Twenty-Eight States (Including OH and TN) Now Publicly Report.

Download summary of supporting organizations and model legislation:

<http://www.healthwatchusa.org/downloads/PR-HAI-2010-Support-Document.pdf>

CDC Releases Statement Which Supports Public Reporting of Hospital Acquired Infections !!!!!

<http://www.cdc.gov/media/pressrel/2010/s100202.htm>

Consumer Reports Published Hospital Comparison of Catheter Line Infections

<http://www.consumerreports.org/health/doctors-hospitals/hospital-infection/deadly-infections-hospitals-can-lower-the-danger/overview/deadly-infections-hospitals-can-lower-the-danger.htm>

Hospital Comparisons are Listed Below:

<http://www.consumerreports.org/health/doctors-hospitals/hospital-infection/deadly-infections-hospitals-can-lower-the-danger/hospital-infection-rates/index.htm>

The Society for Healthcare Epidemiology of America and the Association of Professionals have issued a statement supporting.

<http://www.healthwatchusa.org/downloads/20100205-SHEA-APIC-Response.pdf>

The Society for Healthcare Epidemiology of America and the Association of Professionals in Infection Control has also issued a statement supporting public reporting of healthcare acquired infections in the House Healthcare Reform Bill.

http://www.healthwatchusa.org/mrsa/pdf_downloads/20090722-Experts_Pubic-Reporting-HAIs.pdf

OIG Reports Patient Safety Organizations are Slow to Come Online

AHRQ has made progress listing 65 PSOs as of July 2009. However, at the time of GAO's review, few of the 17 PSOs randomly selected for interviews had entered into contracts to work with providers or had begun to receive patient safety data.

<http://www.gao.gov/cgi-bin/getrpt?GAO-10-281>

<http://www.gao.gov/highlights/d10281high.pdf>

Canadian Premier Goes to the US for Heart Surgery

Danny Williams, Premier of Newfoundland and Labrador, decides to travel to the United States for heart surgery. <http://www.thestar.com/news/canada/article/759760---danny-millions-williams-heads-south-for-heart-surgery>

Over Half of US Already Covered by Government Health Insurance

<http://www.foxnews.com/politics/2010/02/04/govt-pay-half-health-costs/>

CT Scans and risk of causing cancer

New study in Archives of Internal Medicine estimates that 29,000 future cancers will be caused by CT scan studies performed in 2007. <http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pubmed/20008689>

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2010 Conference Topic: Value Purchasing and Hospital Acquired Conditions. Date:
Nov 19, 2010, Lexington, Kentucky.

To submit papers for the conference please send them to:

contact-mail@healthwatchusa.org

Proposed Statue for Public Reporting of HAI for Kentucky.

This is posted as a resource to be modified and used as a basis for legislation.

This sample has been constructed from prior proposed Kentucky and Federal Legislation.

<http://www.healthwatchusa.org/downloads/20100118-KY%20HAI%20bill.pdf>

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