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HW USA Perspective on Antibiotic Over Usage Published by the CDDEP.

Outpatient Antibiotic Utilization Highest in West Virginia and Kentucky The Center for Disease Dynamics, Economics & Policy. Washington, DC, Nov. 17, 2011.

http://www.cddep.org/blog/posts/outpatient_antibiotic_utilization_highest_west_virginia_and_kentucky

HW USA Op-Ed on Hospital Board Engagement.

One in seven hospitalizations results in harm: Hospital performance is tied to board engagement. CMS states that it is the ultimate responsibility of the hospital's regulatory body to insure the quality of the institution.

Medical News Nov 2011. 2011-8-HW (Link to Article - Pages 26-27).

<http://www.medicalnews.md/LinkClick.aspx?fileticket=2u-HmW-Wrt0%3d&tabid=59&mid=382>

AHRQ Web Page on Full Disclosure Contains Information and Links:

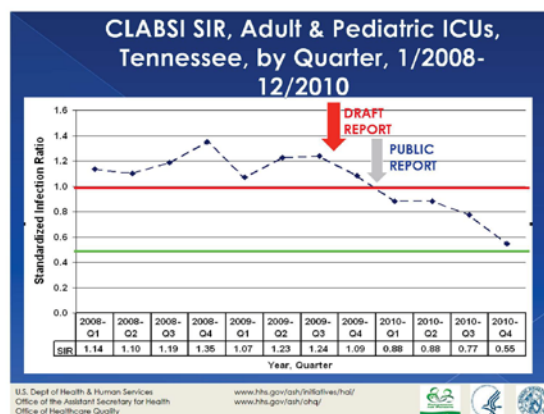
AHRQ: <http://www.ahrq.gov/qual/liability/reforms.htm>

HW USA Presentation - Helen Bukulmez JD: <http://helenbukulmez.com/2011/11/18/full-disclosure-of-medical-errors-presentation-video/>

Tennessee Hospitals Reduce Bloodstream Infections.

State Report has been released

<http://health.state.tn.us/ceds/PDFs/TNreportHAI0911.pdf>



Vast Majority of Adverse Events Reported by Families Are Not Reported by Hospital Staff

Adverse event reporting by families of pediatric patients was found to be 48% accurate. Only 2.5% of these events were reported by the hospital staff.

<http://www.cmaj.ca/content/early/2011/11/21/cmaj.110393.full.pdf>

Infection Rates Drop In Pennsylvania

The Erie Time News has an excellent article which illustrates how State Data on HAI can be used and how rates of HAI's are dropping in Pennsylvania.

Erie Times-News "Hospital-acquired infections decline in Pa., most Erie regional hospitals"

<http://www.goerie.com/apps/pbcs.dll/article?AID=2011310159968>

The Shield of PSOs is Under Attack

<http://www.ama-assn.org/amednews/2011/11/21/prca1121.htm>

Medical Expenses Push 10 Million More Into Poverty

<http://www.commonwealthfund.org/Blog/2011/Nov/New-Census-Poverty-Measure.aspx>

Healthcare Acquired Infections -- One of the Top 10 Causes of Deaths in the US.

AHRQ has posted a link page to Tools, Resources and Fact Sheets on HAI at:

<http://www.ahrq.gov/qual/hais.htm>

A Quote from Benjamin Franklin is often used in Medicine:

"To error is human."

But the rest of the quote is usually left out:

"To repent divine, To persist devilish."

Eminence Based Medicine:

"Making the same mistakes with increasing confidence over an impressive number of years"

From O'Donnell M. A, sceptic's medical dictionary. London: BMJ Books; 1997.

HW USA 2011 Conference - Presentations Available Online. (Click On Picture to Enlarge)

The following conference presentations are available
online: <http://www.healthwatchusa.org/conference2011/>



- 1) Rosemary Gibson -- Healthcare Overutilization (Video & PowerPoint)
- 2) Helen Bukulmez, JD -- Full Disclosure (Audio & PowerPoint)
- 3) Joycelyn Elders, MD -- Transformational Leadership (Audio & PowerPoint)
- 4) John Santa, MD-- Healthcare Overutilization (Audio & PowerPoint)
- 5) Maryn McKenna -- Superbugs (Audio & PowerPoint)
- 6) Rep. Tom Burch -- Kentucky Healthcare System