



# Health Watch USA Newsletter

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## The Changing Role of the Physician

The American College of Surgery, Surgery News, has published Health Watch USA's editorial on "The Changing Role of the Physician". In the article are several examples of regulations enacted which I believe may have an adverse impact on patient care.

<http://www.acssurgerynews.com/opinions/editorials/single-article/the-changing-role-of-the-physician/9dbaf6056dcb9a966c5beef8cb438de6.html>

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## Accountable Care Organizations Produce Limited Healthcare Savings for Meeting Quality Targets

<http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pubmed/23035036>

<http://www.medpagetoday.com/PracticeManagement/PracticeManagement/35187>

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## Medicaid Provider Centene Sues State of Kentucky As it Claims it lost \$63 Million Dollars in Last Quarter

[http://www.cbsnews.com/8301-505245\\_162-57537940/insurer-centenes-3q-profit-plunges-87-percent/](http://www.cbsnews.com/8301-505245_162-57537940/insurer-centenes-3q-profit-plunges-87-percent/)

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## Medical Errors in ICUs may Cause More Deaths Than Breast Cancer

[http://www.hopkinsmedicine.org/news/media/releases/johns\\_hopkins\\_patient\\_safety\\_team\\_finds\\_diagnostic\\_fatal\\_flaws\\_in\\_the\\_icu\\_may\\_account\\_for\\_as\\_many\\_annual\\_deaths\\_as\\_breast\\_cancer](http://www.hopkinsmedicine.org/news/media/releases/johns_hopkins_patient_safety_team_finds_diagnostic_fatal_flaws_in_the_icu_may_account_for_as_many_annual_deaths_as_breast_cancer)

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## Living Kidney Donors May be At Higher Risk for Developing High Blood Pressure and Cardiovascular Disease

<http://bmjopen.bmj.com/content/1/2/e000202.full>

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## 2012 Health Watch USA Conference Registration is Now Open

This year's conference will cover Healthcare Overutilization, Shared Decision Making and Value Purchasing -- Continuing Education Credits for 6.5 hours have been approved for MD, RN, LPN, ARNP, OT, and PT. 7.25 hrs for Human Resource Managers (PHR, SPHR and GPHR). CLE credits are pending. ( AMA PRA Category 1 Credit(s)<sup>TM</sup> )

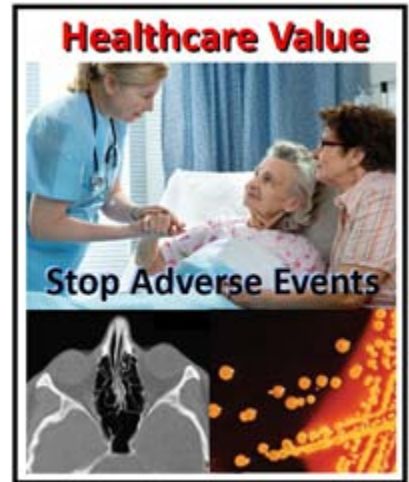
Speakers: Among the nationally renowned speakers on Overutilization, Shared Decision Making and Unnecessary Healthcare are Rosemary Gibson, Patty Skolnik, Dr. Leana Wen and Dr. Joycelyn Elders.

Speakers on obtaining high quality, low cost, safe care are Dr. Richard Wild (CMS), Tihisha Rawlins (AARP), Karen Curtiss, Chandra Venettozzi (KY CHFS) and Howard Blackburn Jr. (SHRM).

Health Watch USA Presenters include Dr. Said Abusalem and Dr. Daniel Saman who will present on measures of quality, and Helen Bukulmez, JD who will present on medical devices.

Nov. 9th, 2012, Four Points Sheraton in Lexington, Kentucky.  
Go To: [www.healthconference.org](http://www.healthconference.org) for more information.

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