



# Health Watch USA<sup>sm</sup> Newsletter

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## Jack Pattie Show on April 23rd to be Devoted to Healthcare Associated Infections.



Guests will be Arjun Srinivasan (pictured on left), Associate Director for Healthcare Associated Infection Prevention Programs, Centers for Disease Control and Dr. Kevin Kavanagh, Board Director of Health Watch USA.

Listen to the show on April 23rd from 9:00 am to 10:00 am on 590 AM WVLK or listen via the Web at: <http://www.wvlkam.com/> (Click Button on Upper Right Hand Corner of WVLKAM home Page)

## Kindred Hospital In Louisville Reports 40 CRE Patients.

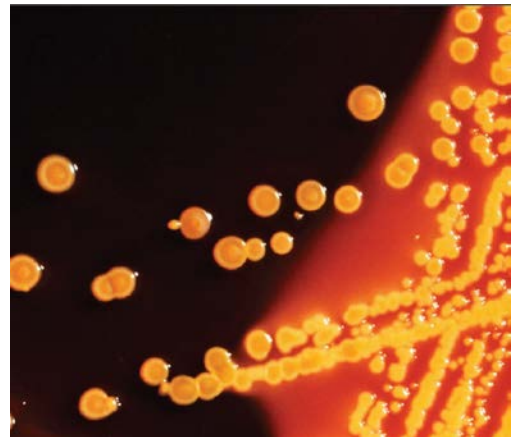
<http://www.courier-journal.com/apps/pbcs.dll/article?AID=2013304150057>

## Missouri Senate Committee Passes Bill to Toughen Reporting on Hospital Infections

[http://stlouis.cbslocal.com/2013/04/16/missouri-senate-committee-passes-bill-to-toughen-reporting-on-hospital-infections/?goback=.gde\\_4191258\\_member\\_232929186](http://stlouis.cbslocal.com/2013/04/16/missouri-senate-committee-passes-bill-to-toughen-reporting-on-hospital-infections/?goback=.gde_4191258_member_232929186)

## Many Hospitals Do Make Money when Patients Develop Infections and Adverse Events

<http://jama.jamanetwork.com/article.aspx?articleid=1679400>



## VA Uses a Three Tiered Approach to Clean Rooms with C. Difficile Patients.

Standard CDI terminal cleaning procedures of C. Difficile rooms reduced the incidence of positive cultures from the rooms to only 67%. However in a tiered analysis, it was required to use facility-wide fluorescent markers to evaluate the effectiveness of cleaning, UV device use for CDI rooms and

enhanced daily and terminal disinfection for CDI rooms. Using this three tiered approach the percentage of positive cultures dropped to 7%.

<http://www.jstor.org/stable/10.1086/670217>



Above: Picture of CDC HAI web page. Click on Picture to go to the CDC Page

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### Hospital facility fees face competitive pressure

One hospital system, Mercy Regional Medical Center in Lorain, Ohio is advertising that they do not charge facility fees.

"Many health systems have been able to charge the fee because there is little competition for patients to turn to. So there really isn't any downward patient pressure. Even in large metropolitan areas the number of hospital systems is becoming less and less so you're seeing a decrease in actual competition."  
-- Kevin Kavanagh, MD, MS, FACS.

The Plain Dealer. Northeast Ohio.

[http://www.cleveland.com/healthfit/index.ssf/2013/04/hospital\\_facility\\_fees\\_face\\_co.html](http://www.cleveland.com/healthfit/index.ssf/2013/04/hospital_facility_fees_face_co.html)

### Doctor Owned Hospitals Fare Better Under the Healthcare Reform Law

76% of doctor owned hospitals are receiving a quality bonus from CMS compared to non-doctor owned hospitals where almost an equal percentage (74%) are receiving a penalty.

[http://www.washingtonpost.com/national/health-science/doctor-owned-hospitals-prosper-under-health-care-law/2013/04/13/d25888f0-a45a-11e2-82bc-511538ae90a4\\_story.html](http://www.washingtonpost.com/national/health-science/doctor-owned-hospitals-prosper-under-health-care-law/2013/04/13/d25888f0-a45a-11e2-82bc-511538ae90a4_story.html)

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**Submit a 250 Word Abstract on Patient Safety**  
to [healthwatchusa@gmail.org](mailto:healthwatchusa@gmail.org)

Four papers will be selected for a 30 min presentation  
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