



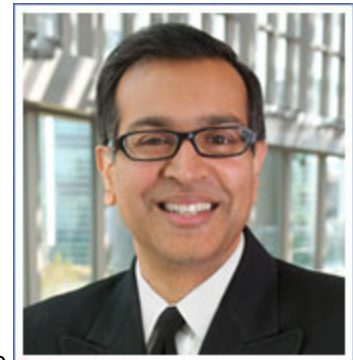
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Dr. Arjun Srinivasan from the CDC and Dr. Kevin Kavanagh talk about Healthcare Associated Infections on the Jack Pattie Radio Show. Listen to recording of the broadcast:

<http://www.healthwatchusa.org/HWUSA-Presentations-Meeting/20130423-CDC-HAI/HWUSA-Radio-Srinivasan-Kavanagh.htm>



MRSA Colonization and Surgical Site MRSA Infections Following Major GI Surgery

"Dr. Papaconstantinou was surprised that 70% of patients who had positive nasal swabs also had MRSA-positive wound cultures. He said that he expected most post-GI surgery wound pathogens to originate from the gut. In contrast, only 8.5% of patients who had negative nasal swabs had MRSA-positive wound cultures (P<0.0001)."

http://www.gastroendonews.com/ViewArticle.aspx?d=From%2Bthe%2BLiterature&d_id=186&i=April+2013&i_id=948&a_id=22935 <http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pubmed/?term=22948833>

VA Uses a Three Tiered Approach to Clean Rooms of 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>

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Healthcare-associated Infections (HAI)

What You Can Do:

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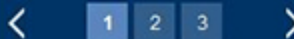
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CRE: Lethal Germs

Rapid action is needed to stop CRE infections

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



Costs soar when doctors work for hospitals

Health Watch USA Op-Ed in Lexington Herald Leader
(A shorter version was published in US News & World Report -
Jan 28, 2013)

<http://www.kentucky.com/2013/04/22/2610324/costs-soar-when-doctors-work-for.html>

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

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Government Oversight Committee, Receiving Testimony on Healthcare Transparency

<http://oversight.house.gov/hearing/examining-the-lack-of-transparency-and-consumer-driven-market-forces-in-u-s-health-care/>

Martin Makary Testimony: <http://oversight.house.gov/hearing/examining-the-lack-of-transparency-and-consumer-driven-market-forces-in-u-s-health-care/>

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

"In this hospital system, the occurrence of postsurgical complications was associated with a higher per-encounter hospital contribution margin for patients covered by Medicare and private insurance but a lower one for patients covered by Medicaid and who self-paid." <http://jama.jamanetwork.com/article.aspx?articleid=1679400>

NYT: http://www.nytimes.com/2013/04/17/business/report-on-us-meat-sounds-alarm-on-superbugs.html?hpw&_r=1&

NPR: <http://www.npr.org/blogs/thesalt/2013/04/17/177601237/in-meat-tests-more-evidence-of-human-illness-tied-to-farm-antibiotics>

Washington Post: <http://www.washingtonpost.com/blogs/wonkblog/wp/2013/04/16/when-your-surgery-goes-wrong-hospitals-profit/>

Is Hospital Safety the Responsibility of the Patient -- Op-Ed Atlanta Journal Constitution

<http://www.ajc.com/news/news/hospital-safety-your-responsibility-or-theirs/nXZbT/>

United States Sues Novartis Pharmaceuticals Corp. For Allegedly Paying Multi-Million Dollar Kickbacks To Doctors In Exchange For Prescribing Its Drugs

"Suit Alleges Novartis Paid Kickbacks in the Forms of Honoraria for Sham Speaker Programs and Expensive Entertainment, Resulting in Millions of Dollars in Illegal Reimbursements from Federal Healthcare Programs"

<http://www.justice.gov/usao/nys/pressreleases/April13/Novartis2LawsuitPR.php>

***Call For Papers -- Health Watch USAsm
Nov. 1, 2013 Patient Safety Conference***

Submit a 250 Word Abstract on Patient Safety
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Four papers will be selected for a 30 min presentation
For more information go to: www.healthconference.org

Deadline May 15th, 2013

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