



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

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## **Kentuckians hear discussion of proposed system for patients to report medical errors.**

"The Obama administration is creating a new system for patients to report medical mistakes because existing systems fail to do so, and if all goes as planned, the pilot program will launch this fall, a federal official told a Health Watch USA meeting in Kentucky and online Wednesday night....."

<http://kyhealthnews.blogspot.com/2013/06/kentucky-and-online-audiences-hear.html>



## **Disclosure & Offer at Twenty-Five: Time to Adopt Policies to Promote Fairly Negotiated Compensation**

A paper discussing full disclosure of medical errors is published by the Lexington VA.

[http://papers.ssrn.com/sol3/papers.cfm?abstract\\_id=2208169](http://papers.ssrn.com/sol3/papers.cfm?abstract_id=2208169)

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## **Superbug poses danger in hospitals**

CBS New report on CRE which features Health Watch USA's patient advocate Barbara Thom.

[http://www.cbsnews.com/8301-18563\\_162-57592495/superbug-poses-danger-in-hospitals/](http://www.cbsnews.com/8301-18563_162-57592495/superbug-poses-danger-in-hospitals/)

## **One in 12 patients in Canadian Hospitals Maybe Carrying C. Difficile, MRSA or VRE.**

<http://www.healio.com/infectious-disease/nosocomial-infections/news/online/%7B3187263A-7C2E-4280-B8BC-7095C345BB9D%7D/MRSA-VRE-and-C-difficile-prevalence-rates-identified-in-Canadian-hospitals>

## **Hepatitis C Screening Recommended for All Who Are Born Between 1945 To 1965**

<http://annals.org/article.aspx?articleid=1700384>

[http://online.wsj.com/article/BT-CO-20130624-711073.html?mod=googlenews\\_wsj#printMode](http://online.wsj.com/article/BT-CO-20130624-711073.html?mod=googlenews_wsj#printMode)

## **MRSA Kills 28 year old Held in Laurel County KY -- Detention Center**

[http://www.kentucky.com/2013/06/24/2691090/infection-caused-by-superbug-killed.html#eMlNl=AM\\_update](http://www.kentucky.com/2013/06/24/2691090/infection-caused-by-superbug-killed.html#eMlNl=AM_update)

## **CMS Prepares for Hospital Infection Control Inspections**

<http://news.yahoo.com/prepare-now-cms-hospital-infection-control-inspections-130000031.html>

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### Hospital Boards Award CEOs for Profit Over Quality

[http://seattletimes.com/html/business/technology/2021297310\\_hospitalceopayxml.html](http://seattletimes.com/html/business/technology/2021297310_hospitalceopayxml.html)

### 10 Hospital Checklists to Improve Patient Safety

<http://www.hpoe.org/resources/hpoehretaha-guides/1398>

### Improving Efficiency Scores While Maintaining Quality

20% of Medicare's Value Purchasing will be based upon the cost of providing care per patient.

[http://www.hfma.org/Content.aspx?id=17510&goback=%2Egde\\_2720956\\_member\\_251654938](http://www.hfma.org/Content.aspx?id=17510&goback=%2Egde_2720956_member_251654938)

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July 31, 2013: Guest Speaker (over Adobe Connect) is Dr. Patrick Conway, Chief Medical Officer for the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) and Director of the Center for Clinical Standards and Quality. This meeting will start at 5:00 pm EST. Space is limited, if you wish to attend please contact me at [healthwatchusa@gmail.com](mailto:healthwatchusa@gmail.com).

Dr. Conway's resume: <http://www.cms.gov/About-CMS/Leadership/ocsq/>

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### ***Health Watch USA<sup>sm</sup>*** ***Nov. 1, 2013, Patient Safety Conference***

Lexington, Kentucky at the Four Points  
Sheraton

For more information go  
to: [www.healthconference.org](http://www.healthconference.org)



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