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## Health Watch USA Op-Ed: Better monitoring needed in a post-antibiotic era

"A concerted, coordinated effort led by the state health department is needed to control this unnecessary epidemic. Public reporting is an integral component of this effort and would serve to both motivate and coordinate the public and to help hold the health care industry accountable." Picture on the right is of Cortney Beldon Hensley who died at the Laurel County Detention Center March 9, 2013.

<http://www.kentucky.com/2013/07/11/2710637/ky-voices-better-monitoring-needed.html>



Read more about the Cortney Hensley story <http://www.kentucky.com/2013/06/24/2691090/infection-caused-by-superbug-killed.html>

## A Disease Without a Cure Spreads Quietly in the West

<http://www.nytimes.com/2013/07/05/health/a-disease-without-a-cure-spreads-quietly-in-the-west.html?smid=li-share&r=0>

## The Five Scariest Infections Right Now

<http://www.foxnews.com/health/2013/06/26/scariest-infectious-diseases-right-now/?intcmp=features>

## Screening is Recommended for Hepatitis C for Adults Born From 1945 to 1965

"The U.S. Preventive Services Task Force released today its final Recommendation Statement on screening for hepatitis C virus infection in adults."

<http://www.uspreventiveservicestaskforce.org/uspstf/uspshcpc.htm>

## Screening the national population in India for HIV every five years is cost-effective and could save millions of lives

<http://www.plosone.org/article/info%3Adoi%2F10.1371%2Fjournal.pone.0064604>

## The Tuberculosis Bacteria Maybe "evolving into a new bacteria that is much more dangerous

<http://www.scientificamerican.com/article.cfm?id=new-genetic-insights-show-how-tuberculosis-may-be-evolving-become-more-dangerous>

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**American Way of Birth, Costliest in the World**

<http://www.nytimes.com/2013/07/01/health/american-way-of-birth-costliest-in-the-world.html>

Rosemary Gibson's NYT Letter to the editor in response to this article: [http://www.nytimes.com/2013/07/08/opinion/the-high-cost-of-childbirth-in-the-us.html?\\_r=0](http://www.nytimes.com/2013/07/08/opinion/the-high-cost-of-childbirth-in-the-us.html?_r=0)

**A Nation of Kids on Speed**

<http://online.wsj.com/article/SB10001424127887323728204578513662248894162.html>

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**Oklahoma City Hospital Posts Surgery Prices Online; Creates Bidding War**

[http://kfor.com/2013/07/08/okc-hospital-posting-surgery-prices-online/?goback=.gde\\_4410640\\_member\\_257064030](http://kfor.com/2013/07/08/okc-hospital-posting-surgery-prices-online/?goback=.gde_4410640_member_257064030)

**Hospitals Admitting to Mistakes and Saving Money**

The University of Michigan found that since disclosure-apology and offer " legal costs have dropped by 60 percent, and the system has had 36 percent fewer medical claims lodged against it"

<http://health.usnews.com/health-news/hospital-of-tomorrow/articles/2013/07/12/hospitals-owning-up-to-their-mistakes>

**Medical Devices Can Be Vulnerable to Cyber Threats**

<http://www.marketplace.org/topics/tech/your-medical-devices-could-be-vulnerable-cyber-threats>

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**The Astonishing Growth of Healthcare Jobs in America**

<http://www.theatlantic.com/business/archive/2013/07/a-truly-astonshing-graph-of-the-growth-of-health-care-jobs-in-america/277454/>

**Why our Healthcare lets Prices Run Wild**

<http://swampland.time.com/2013/07/01/why-our-health-care-lets-prices-run-wild/>

**White House Delays Health-Care Rule**

[http://www.washingtonpost.com/politics/white-house-delays-health-care-rule-that-businesses-provide-insurance-to-workers/2013/07/02/f87e7892-e360-11e2-aef3-339619eab080\\_story.html](http://www.washingtonpost.com/politics/white-house-delays-health-care-rule-that-businesses-provide-insurance-to-workers/2013/07/02/f87e7892-e360-11e2-aef3-339619eab080_story.html)

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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>**  
**Patient Safety Conference - Nov. 1, 2013**

Lexington, Kentucky at the Four Points  
Sheraton

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

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<http://www.healthconference.org/payment-fax-check.htm>



A wide range of healthcare topics will be presented in the 2013 Health Watch USA Conference. Topics to be covered range from the responsibility of the employed physician, the public reporting (Sunshine Act) of drug/device company support of physicians, the safety and regulation of medical devices, and the problem of nursing burnout. In addition, topics on the culture of safety will cover the policy of fully disclosing medical errors, avoiding a culture of blame and how high infection rates may indicate broader problems in an institution's safety culture.

Speakers include: Past Surgeon General, Joycelyn Elders, MD, CMS Chief Medical Director for the Atlanta Region, Richard Wild, MD, Steve Kraman, MD, Daniel Saman, DrPH, MPH and The Associate Director of the New Jersey Collaborating Center for Nursing, Jeannie Cimiotti, DnSC, RN.

In addition, nationally known patient advocates, Helen Haskell (founder of Mothers Against Medical Error), Jolene Chambers and Martha Deed will be presenting on the topics of learning from patient stories, the safety of medical devices and engagement of hospitals on patient safety.

For a Full Agenda and Speaker Resumes Go To:  
<http://www.healthconference.org/agenda.htm>

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