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Antibiotic Resistance Among Healthcare Acquired Infections is Much Higher Than Previous Estimates.

"Our analysis found the rise in antibiotic resistance among three common forms of hospital-acquired infections is much greater than previously reported by the CDC based on older data, leading us to conclude that more than an FDA 'reboot' is needed. To encourage antibiotic development, the pharmaceutical industry must see that there is a path for a return on its investment in antibiotic development."

Medical Press: <http://medicalxpress.com/news/2013-08-antibiotic-resistance-hospital-acquired-infections-greater.html>

Commentary Abstract: <http://aac.asm.org/content/early/2013/07/23/AAC.01277-13.abstract>

Healthcare-Associated Infections and Resistance to the Drugs, Are a Growing Threat

Alliance for Aging Research: "Around 99,000 people die from their infection and the cost to U.S. hospitals alone is estimated at \$28.4 to \$45 billion annually. "

<http://www.agingresearch.org/content/article/detail/33442>

CDC Home
CDC Centers for Disease Control and Prevention
CDC 24/7: Saving Lives. Protecting People.™

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Healthcare-associated Infections (HAI)

What You Can Do:

- [Sign up](#) for email updates on HAI
- [Join the conversation](#) at CDC's Safe Healthcare Blog
- [Be a Safe Patient](#)

CRE: Lethal Germs
Rapid action is needed to stop CRE infections
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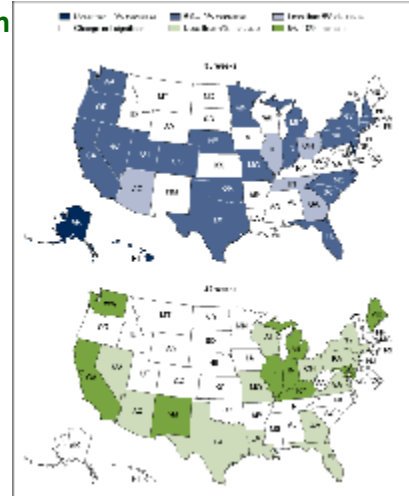
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Kentucky has the Seventh Highest Increase in C-Section Rates in the Nation

Click on Picture to the Right to Enlarge

http://www.cdc.gov/nchs/data/databriefs/db124_tables.pdf#3

<http://www.cdc.gov/nchs/data/databriefs/db124.pdf>



146 Medical Practice Standards are Contradicted by Research Studies

Mayo Clinic Study: "Of the 363 articles testing standard of care, 146 (40.2%) reversed that practice, whereas 138 (38.0%) reaffirmed it." "The reversal of established medical practice is common and occurs across all classes of medical practice. This investigation sheds light on low-value practices and patterns of medical research."

<http://www.mayoclinicproceedings.org/article/S0025-6196%2813%2900405-9/fulltext>

Health Insurance Competition in the Marketplace Lowers Premiums by Nearly 20%

<http://www.hhs.gov/news/press/2013pres/07/20130718a.html>

New Estimate of The Numbers of Deaths in U.S. Hospitals Attributed to Medical Errors:

"Using a weighted average of the 4 studies, a lower limit of 210,000 deaths per year was associated with preventable harm in hospitals."

http://journals.lww.com/journalpatientsafety/Abstract/publishahead/A_New_Evidence_based_Estimate_of_Patient_Harms.99827.aspx

Leapfrog Group Posts Hospital Error Calculator:

"Using Leapfrog's new [calculator](#), employers and purchasers can calculate the surcharge they pay as a result of hospital errors." (Must cut and paste the below URL into your browser.)

http://www.leapfroggroup.org/employers_purchasers/HiddenSurchargeCalculator

Consumer Union: Your safer-surgery survival guide

Our Ratings of 2,463 U.S. hospitals can help you find the right one

<http://www.consumerreports.org/cro/magazine/2013/09/safe-surgery-survival-guide/index.htm>

Bone Chilling Mistakes and Why They Don't Want You To Know

"Ironically, the important measures it touts to Congress are among the same ones it tells CMS aren't good enough for public reporting."

Forbes: <http://www.forbes.com/sites/leahbinder/2013/07/15/bone-chilling-mistakes-hospitals-make-and-why-they-dont-want-you-to-know/>

Babies die; Hospital Halts Heart Surgeries

"These children are medically very fragile, and even the best surgeons lose patients. Surgeons track their deaths and complications and take great pride in the number of babies they save. Some are so proud they publish their success rates right on their hospital websites."

Tell us your story! Kentucky Children's Hospital is not one of these hospitals."

<http://www.cnn.com/2013/08/03/health/kentucky-hearts-hospital/index.html>

More Diagnostic Tests in a Pediatric ER was Not Observed to Improve Outcomes

MedPage Today: "There were also significant regional differences in the utilization of x-ray testing for these conditions, with the test performed significantly more often for all three conditions (Asthma, bronchiolitis, and croup) in EDs in the Midwest and South than in the Northeast." <http://www.medpagetoday.com/HospitalBasedMedicine/GeneralHospitalPractice/40607>
Abstract: <http://pediatrics.aappublications.org/content/early/2013/07/17/peds.2013-0179.abstract>

Workers at a Health Care Reform Call Center are Not Given Health Insurance

<http://www.foxnews.com/politics/2013/07/29/workers-at-obamacare-call-center-angry-after-being-offered-jobs-without-health/>

Doctors Selling Practices to Hospitals

<http://money.cnn.com/2013/07/16/smallbusiness/doctors-selling-practices/index.html>

CMS Proposes New Regulations on Facility Fees that are Charged by Hospital Employed Doctors

"Upon acquisition of a physician practice, hospitals frequently treat the practice locations as off-campus provider-based departments of the hospital and bill Medicare for services furnished at those locations under the OPDS."

"When a Medicare beneficiary receives outpatient services in a hospital, the total payment amount for outpatient services made by Medicare is generally higher than the total payment amount made by Medicare when a physician furnishes those same services in a freestanding clinic or in a physician office."

<http://www.healthwatchusa.org/publications/2013-Documents/20130716-Federal-Register-43626-7.pdf>

1.7 Million are Affected by Medical Bill Bankruptcies

20% of adults have trouble paying medical bills.
<http://www.amednews.com/article/20130708/business/130709932/6/>

Organized Crime and Healthcare Delivery

Organized crime is implicated in Health Care Fraud.
<http://www.justice.gov/dea/divisions/nyc/2013/nyc071713.shtml>

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Health Watch USAsm
Patient Safety Conference
Nov. 1, 2013

Lexington, Kentucky
at the Four Points Sheraton
For more information go to:
www.healthconference.org



Online Registration is Now Open
Accepting PayPal and Credit Cards
<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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