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Drug-resistant bacteria pose potential catastrophe, CDC warns

The nation faces "potentially catastrophic consequences" if it doesn't act quickly to combat the growing threat of antibiotic resistance, which kills an estimated 23,000 Americans each year, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention warned Monday.

http://www.washingtonpost.com/national/health-science/drug-resistant-bacteria-pose-potential-catastrophe-cdc-warns/2013/09/16/4cd2d482-1ed6-11e3-b7d1-7153ad47b549_story.html

Download CDC Report: <http://www.cdc.gov/features/AntibioticResistanceThreats/index.html>



U.S. Dept of Health and Human Services - 2013 Healthcare Associated Infection Summit.

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Diverse Sources of *C. difficile* Infection Identified on Whole-Genome Sequencing

MedPage: Whole-genome sequencing of *C. difficile* isolates from more than 1,200 patients found that only 35% were related to a previous case in a large, four-hospital

study...." <http://www.medpagetoday.com/InfectiousDisease/InfectionControl/41863>

NEJM (Source Study): <http://www.nejm.org/doi/full/10.1056/NEJMoa1216064>

National Burden of Invasive Methicillin-Resistant Staphylococcus aureus Infections, United States, 2011

CDC: "The study demonstrated that invasive MRSA infections that began in hospitals declined 54% between 2005 and 2011, with 30,800 fewer severe MRSA

infections." <http://archinte.jamanetwork.com/article.aspx?articleid=1738718>

Trends in Invasive Methicillin-Resistant Staphylococcus aureus Infections

CDC: "In a second CDC study published today in Pediatrics, the MRSA declines in adults do not extend to pediatric patients older than 3

months." <http://pediatrics.aappublications.org/content/early/2013/09/18/peds.2013-1112.abstract>

U.S. Senate HELP Committee Hearing on Efforts to Reduce Healthcare-Associated Infections

<http://www.help.senate.gov/hearings/hearing/?id=f456e2d1-5056-a032-5205-16c713b1418e>

Testimony from the Rory Foundation <http://rorystaunton.com/>

Healthcare Acquired Infections Could Cost \$10 Billion

<http://www.sacbee.com/2013/09/11/5728268/hospital-acquired-infections-cost.html>

JAMA Source Article: <http://archinte.jamanetwork.com/article.aspx?articleid=1733452>

Hospital-acquired MRSA increases the Chance of Developing an Active Infection

“The Veterans Health Administration MRSA prevention initiative, including active MRSA screening on admission, transfer and discharge, has been linked to a significant diminution in MRSA infections”

<http://www.healio.com/infectious-disease/mrsa/news/online/%7Bef343fc2-0c51-4ae7-84c1-84cbba682d77%7D/hospital-acquired-mrsa-increased-active-infection-rate>

<http://www.healio.com/infectious-disease/mrsa/news/online/%7Bef343fc2-0c51-4ae7-84c1-84cbba682d77%7D/hospital-acquired-mrsa-increased-active-infection-rate>

Excellent Video on Antibiotic Resistant Bacteria and the New CDC Report

http://video.foxnews.com/v/2673703168001/cdc-to-release-new-report-on-antibiotic-resistance/?playlist_id=930909749001

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Cost of Care Essay Contest -- \$4000 for the best essay which illustrates the importance of healthcare cost awareness

<http://www.costsofcare.org/advocacy/essay/>

IOM Report on Adverting a Treatment Crisis for Cancer Patients

<http://www.iom.edu/Reports/2013/Delivering-High-Quality-Cancer-Care-Charting-a-New-Course-for-a-System-in-Crisis.aspx>

United Kingdom Survey by the CIPD Found That Poor Care Could Have Caused Up To 1,200 Unnecessary Patient Deaths at Mid Staffordshire Hosp.

<http://www.fiercehealthcare.com/story/docs-nurses-bullied-poor-care/2013-09-10>

University of Vanderbilt Now Have Nurses Cleaning Rooms

<http://www.wsmv.com/story/23364976/vanderbilt-medical-center-to-have-nurses-cleaning-up>

States Finding It Hard to Discontinue Contracts with Poor Performing Managed Medicaid Providers

http://www.washingtonpost.com/national/health-science/states-find-it-hard-to-pull-plug-on-managed-care-providers/2013/09/14/bcd627a6-17de-11e3-be6e-dc6ae8a5b3a8_story.html

CMS takes aim at Hospital Facility Fees and Proposes a New System of ER Billing

<http://www.publicintegrity.org/2013/09/13/13420/feds-propose-shakeup-emergency-room-billing>

<http://www.modernhealthcare.com/article/20130907/MAGAZINE/309079978>

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How Many Die From Medical Mistakes in U.S. Hospitals?

"Now comes a study in the current issue of the Journal of Patient Safety that says the numbers may be much higher — between 210,000 and 440,000 patients each year who go to the hospital for care suffer some type of preventable harm that contributes to their death, the study says." <http://www.propublica.org/article/how-many-die-from-medical-mistakes-in-us-hospitals>

Stunning News On Preventable Deaths In Hospitals
<http://www.forbes.com/sites/leahbinder/2013/09/23/stunning-news-on-preventable-deaths-in-hospitals/>

Nursing Staffing Bill has been introduced into the U.S. Congress which is designed to create minimum nurse-staff ratios to boost patient safety and quality
<http://www.smartbrief.com/08/20/13/nurse-staffing-bill-aims-boost-patient-safety-and-care-quality>

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Health Watch USAsm Patient Safety Conference Nov. 1, 2013

Lexington, Kentucky
at the Four Points Sheraton

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A wide range of healthcare topics will be presented in the 2013 Health Watch USAsm 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, presentations on the culture of safety will cover Patient and Family Centered Care, 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, Karen D. Meyers, MBA/JD, MEd.

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.

Continuing Education Credits (6.25 hrs) have been approved for Physician/Physician Assistant/Nurse Practitioner/Nursing Home Administrator (AMA Category I Credits), and Nursing. Similar to last year Applications for Physical Therapy and Occupational Therapy have been placed and approval is expected. For an update on continuing education go to the bottom of the page at <http://www.healthconference.org>

For a Full Agenda and Speaker Resumes Go To:
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