



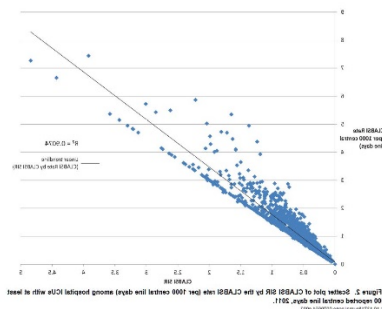
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Health Watch USA Publication in PLOS ONE on the Need for Risk Adjusting CLABSI Rates.

HW USA makes the case that risk adjustment of ICU central line infections is not needed. The figure on the right shows the very high correlation between adjusted and unadjusted rates. (Click on Picture to Enlarge)



Assessing the Necessity of the Standardized Infection Ratio for Reporting Central Line Associated Bloodstream Infections. Plos One. Nov. 4, 2013. <http://www.plosone.org/article/info%3Adoi%2F10.1371%2Fjournal.pone.0079554>



HW USA Commentary (Antimicrobial Agents and Chemotherapy): A Perspective on How the United States Fell Behind Northern Europe in the Battle Against Methicillin Resistant Staphylococcus Aureus -- Journal of Antimicrobial Agents and Chemotherapy.

This commentary reviews the major papers regarding MRSA Surveillance published over the last decade and the decision making which led to the abandonment of surveillance as an essential component to control the MRSA epidemic. "In view of the severity of the multi-resistant drug organism epidemic in the United States, a reevaluation of setting standards of care for the expanded and uniform use of MRSA active surveillance testing should be undertaken."

<http://aac.asm.org/content/early/2013/09/24/AAC.01839-13.full.pdf>

2013 Conference Videos are Now Online:

Due to a power outage, many of the presentations were given by battery powered lights and many of the presentations are not available on videos. However, the PDFs of the slides for all of the presentations can be downloaded. In addition, videos of the following presentations can be viewed using the Chrome, Opera and Firefox browsers, along with Internet Explorer with QuickTime.

- Jeannie Cimiotti, PhD, RN, FAAN: Nursing Burnout and the Importance of a Culture of Safety
- Steve Kraman, MD: Full Disclosure of Medical Errors
- Joleen Chambers: The Safety of Medical Devices
- Joycelyn Elders, MD, Past US Surgeon General: Patient Centered Care
- Karen Meyers, MBA, JD, MEd: Patient and Family Centered Care

- Keith Widmeier: 'A Just Culture'

To view the videos and download the presentation slides go to:
<http://www.healthwatchusa.org/conference2013/index.html>

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Hospital Costs are Skyrocketing:

Man wakes up with a \$150,000 bill

<http://www.foxnews.com/health/2013/11/04/man-passes-out-in-bathroom-wakes-up-in-hospital-with-150000-bill/>

Robotic Surgery May Have More Complications Than Hospitals Are Letting On.

Business Insider:

<http://www.businessinsider.com/robotic-surgery-complications-are-underreported-2013-11>

John Hopkins Report: Due to a "Haphazard system of reporting" complications may be underreported, according to a new report.

http://www.hopkinsmedicine.org/news/media/releases/robotic_surgery_complications_underreported_johns_hopkins_study_suggests

FDA Investigates Robotic Surgery After Adverse Event Spike

Adverse Events Increase 34% in 2012.

<http://www.medscape.com/viewarticle/803339>

The Commonwealth Fund Updates Performance and Quality Data on 'Why Not The Best' Website.

<http://whynotthebest.org/>

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