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Testimony to KY State Legislature on Healthcare Acquired Infections

Health Watch USA presented on MRSA and Healthcare Acquired Infections at the KY State House Health & Welfare Mtg on Jan 9, 2014. To view a video of the presentation and PowerPoint slides go



to: <http://www.healthwatchusa.org/HWUSA-Presentations-Testimony/20140109-KY-House/20140109-kavanagh2.htm>

Infectious Disease

VA Reports Continued Decrease in MRSA Utilizing Surveillance

"The MRSA Prevention Initiative, implemented nationwide in 133 VA long-term care facilities in 2009, led to a 36 percent overall decrease in MRSA infections (from .25 to .16/1000 resident days) over the 42-month study period, despite the fact that admissions with MRSA colonization increased."

<http://www.infectioncontroltoday.com/news/2014/01/mrsa-infection-rates-drop-in-veterans-affairs-longterm-care-facilities.aspx>



FierceHealthcare: Nurse burnout, understaffing linked to hospital infections

http://www.fiercehealthcare.com/story/nurse-burnout-understaffing-linked-hospital-infections/2012-07-30?utm_medium=nl&utm_source=internal

Announcement: http://www.eurekalert.org/pub_releases/2012-07/afpi-nsb072612.php

Healthcare Quality

AHRQ Update Preventing Pressure Ulcers

"We find a large and statistically significant reduction in pressure ulcer incidence associated with the joint implementation of 4 core On-Time components (incidence rate ratio=0.409; P=0.035). Impacts vary with implementation of specific component combinations."

<http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pubmed/24374408>

Association of Sleep and Fatigue With Decision Regret Among Critical Care Nurses

"Nurses who experience impairments due to fatigue, loss of sleep, and inability to recover between shifts are more likely than unimpaired nurses to report decision regret."

<http://ajcc.aacnjournals.org/content/23/1/13>

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