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May 21, 2014: Dr. Thomas Valuck, MD, from Disern Health, presentation on How Measurement, Incentives, Information an Integration Are Driving Change. HW USA Meeting May 21, 2014.

View Presentation: <http://www.healthwatchusa.org/HWUSA-Presentations-Meeting/20140521-Thomas-Valuck/20140521-HWUSA-TomValuck-Slides.htm>

Implementation and impact of ultraviolet environmental disinfection in an acute care setting.

"There was a significant 20% decrease in hospital-acquired MDRO plus CD rates during the 22-month UVD period compared with the 30-month pre-UVD period (2.14 cases/1,000 patient-days vs 2.67 cases per 1,000 patient-days, respectively; rate ratio, 0.80; 95% confidence interval: 0.73-0.88, P < .001)."

<http://www.ajicjournal.org/article/S0196-6553%2813%2901432-6/fulltext>

Presentations from the European Society of Clinical Microbiology and Infectious Diseases

Recent presentations from the ECCMID meeting in Barcelona deals with universal decolonization versus screening for MRSA. The slides can be viewed on <http://www.escmid.org/OLL> Page 5, SY297 to SY300.

There are several significant slides. Dr. Stephan Harbarth's presentation Slide 7 (SY298) states "Widespread use of mupirocin and chlorhexidine promotes the emergence of resistance against these agents." In addition, the beginning slides of Christian Brun-Buisson's presentation (SY297) appear to counter the NEJM editorial by Edmond an Wenzel, regarding universal decolonization for MRSA.

FDA Approve a New Antibiotic for Treating MRSA.

<http://www.cnn.com/2014/06/03/health/mrsa-fda-drug/>

Funding for Superbug Research is Critical

<http://www.baltimoresun.com/news/opinion/oped/bs-ed-superbugs-20140530,0,7593102.story>

Nursing Shortage Still a Critical Issue

"Between now and 2022, there will be an expected half-million nursing jobs from growing demand — plus another half-million nurses will retire and need to be replaced."

<http://www.ozy.com/acumen/during-nurses-week-a-nursing-shortage/31386.article>

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Upcoming Events:



June 10, 2014: Peter Eisler from USA Today to present on the Jack Pattie Show about his new article in USA Today on medical drug overuse in the elderly.

"Older Americans hooked on Rx: 'I was a zombie' Seniors and prescription drugs: as misuse rises, so does the toll"

<http://www.usatoday.com/story/news/nation/2014/05/20/seniors-addiction-prescription-drugs-painkillers/9277489/>

June 18, 2014: Dr. Hooman Noorchashm, & Dr. Amy Reed on morcellation and laparoscopic hysterectomy.

Dr. Noorchashm's wife, Amy Reed, is a 40-year-old mother of six who is an anesthesiologist at Beth Israel. After suffering from pelvic pain for months, Dr. Reed in October sought treatment at Brigham and Women's Hospital, the same facility where her husband works. The diagnosis was fibroids—which are almost always benign growths—and she had a routine hysterectomy that included morcellation to avoid a large incision.

If you wish to attend this event, please send an email to healthwatchusa@gmail.com



July 8, 2014: Leah Binder, CEO of The Leapfrog Group, will be on the Jack Pattie Show to discuss value based purchasing and their hospital ranking system.

http://www.leapfroggroup.org/media/file/LeahBIO_Jan2010.pdf The show may be listened to live by going to <http://www.wvlkam.com/> and clicking on the red "LISTEN LIVE" button in the upper right-hand corner of the page.

Aug 20, 2014: Alicia Budd (CMS/CCSA) will discuss the new regulations on value purchasing and HACs for the 2014 IPPS. In other words, what are the current financial incentives that Medicare is using to promote quality in our hospitals?

Nov. 7, 2014: Health Watch USA's Annual Health Policy Conference, Lexington, KY. Continuing Education Credits for physicians, nurses, social workers and physical therapists will be offered.

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