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Patient Safety Journal Finds Violations, Tightens Standards After Scandal

NPR "Campbell said the controversy opened the eyes of many in the patient safety field to the notion that money could corrupt, 'even something as awesome and great for society as patient safety.'"

<http://www.npr.org/blogs/health/2014/11/26/366618323/patient-safety-journal-finds-violations-tightens-standards-after-scandal>

(Wu AW, Kavanagh KT, Pronovost PJ, Bates DW. Conflict of Interest, Dr Charles Denham and the Journal of Patient Safety. Journal of Patient Safety. Nov. 2014 The article is now FREE

ACCESS: http://journals.lww.com/journalpatientsafety/Fulltext/2014/12000/Conflict_of_Interest,_Dr_Charles_Denham_and_the.1.aspx)

Other News Articles Regarding "Conflict of Interest, Dr Charles Denham and the Journal of Patient Safety."

- Clark C. Former NQF Co-Chair Linked to Conflicts of Interest in Journal Probe. Health Leaders. Nov. 21, 2014.
<http://www.healthleadersmedia.com/content/LED-310580/Former-NQF-CoChair-Linked-to-Conflicts-of-Interest-in-Journal-Probe##>
- Gozner M. Safety journal blasts Denham in conflict of interest scandal. Modern Healthcare. Nov. 26, 2014.
<http://www.modernhealthcare.com/article/20141126/BLOG/311269996>

Despite lists, experts disagree on the 'best hospitals'

"Nearly 40% of consumers surveyed last year said they use hospital ratings to choose a health care facility, but there's little agreement between the lists, raising questions about their value."

<http://www.usatoday.com/money/personalfinance/story/2012/09/27/best-hospital-lists/57849162/1>

International Survey of Older Adults Finds Shortcomings in Access, Coordination, and Patient-Centered Care

Compared with their counterparts in other developed countries, older adults in the United States are sicker, see more doctors, take more prescription drugs, and have a harder time affording the care they need, according to a new Commonwealth Fund survey of people age 65 and up.

<http://www.commonwealthfund.org/publications/in-the-literature/2014/nov/international-survey-of-older-adults>

Reimbursement cuts correlate with shift of outpatient MRI exams from private offices to hospitals

<http://www.fiercemedicalimaging.com/story/reimbursement-cuts-correlate-shift-outpatient-mri-exams-private-offices-hos/2014-11-22>

Think Twice Before Choosing Knee Replacement

"More than 600,000 such surgeries were performed in 2012, compared with about 250,000 just 15 years ago. But some new studies suggest that people may be electing to have the procedure prematurely and, perhaps worse, gaining limited benefit from it."

<http://well.blogs.nytimes.com/2014/11/13/think-twice-before-choosing-knee-replacement/>

Effects of Knowledge, Attitudes, and Practices of Primary Care Providers on Antibiotic Selection, United States

"Providers inconsistently defined broad- and narrow-spectrum antibiotic agents. There was widespread concern for antibiotic resistance; however, it was not commonly considered when selecting therapy."

<http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pubmed/25418868>

CDC Issues Guidelines for Possible Ebola Cases in the Emergency Department

<http://www.medscape.com/viewarticle/834205>



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Health Watch USA Meeting: Dec. 17, 2014 at 7:00 pm ET. James Davis RN, MSN, CCRN, CIC, HEM Mr. Davis is board-certified in infection control and epidemiology (CIC), is a practicing critical care RN, holds national certification in adult critical care nursing (CCRN) and is a certified healthcare environmental manager (HEM). He is currently a Senior Infection Prevention Analyst for ECRI under contract with the Pennsylvania Patient Safety Authority.

Mr. Davis will present on Surgical Site Infection Prevention Utilizing Patient Screening and Decolonization. [Download Article](#)

Kathy Day, RN, one of Health Watch USA's Board Members will also give a short (10 min) presentation on Nursing and the Ebola Crisis.

The meeting will be held over Adobe Connect. If you are not on our meeting mailing list and you wish to register for the meeting, send an email to healthwatchusa@gmail.com

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