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The Measles Vaccine. A Short Webcast/Radio Show Recording on the Measles Vaccine.

"William Schaffner, MD, Chairman, Dept. of Preventive Medicine, Vanderbilt University & Kevin Kavanagh, MD, MS from Health Watch USA Discuss The Measles Vaccine and the need for childhood immunizations on the Jack Pattie Show." <http://youtu.be/ap-1GLR8NI4>

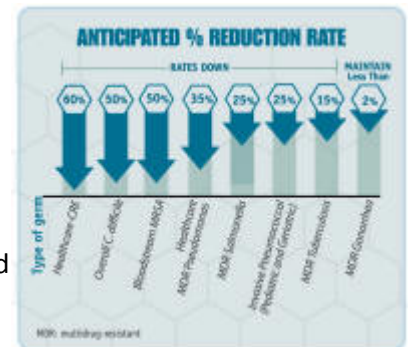
NYTs: A Multitude of Vaccine Benefits, Yet Controversy

Persists <http://www.nytimes.com/ref/health/healthguide/esn-vaccinations-ess.html>

The CDC Attacks Drug Resistant Organisms. -- \$264 Million New Commitment.

The national strategy identifies five core actions: <http://www.cdc.gov/drugresistance/solutions-initiative/index.html>

- Slow the Development of Resistant Bacteria and Prevent the Spread of Resistant Infections
- Strengthen National One-Health Surveillance Efforts to Combat Resistance
- Advance Development and Use of Rapid and Innovative Diagnostic Tests for Identification and Characterization of Resistant Bacteria
- Accelerate Basic and Applied Research and Development for New Antibiotics, Other Therapeutics, and Vaccines
- Improve International Collaboration and Capacities for Antibiotic Resistance Prevention, Surveillance, Control, and Antibiotic Research and Development



Download PDF of CDC Resistance Initiatives

Superbug Now in South Carolina -- CRE becoming more common?

www.charlotteobserver.com/2015/02/22/5532238/hospitals-step-up-efforts-against.html

John Oliver on Drug Companies. And public trust: United States medicine an international perspective. (HBO)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YQZ2UeOTO3I>

Research Misconduct Identified by the US Food and Drug Administration

"This investigation has found numerous studies for which the FDA determined there was significant evidence of fraudulent or otherwise problematic data. Such issues raise questions about the integrity of a clinical trial, and mention of these problems is missing from the relevant peer-reviewed literature. " However, no retractions or errata were ever made. <http://retractionwatch.com/2015/02/09/fda-repeatedly-hidden-evidence-scientific-fraud-says-author-new-study/>
<http://archinte.jamanetwork.com/article.aspx?articleID=2109855>

Suspend Dozens of Drugs Based on Flawed Studies, EMA Says

"A committee of the European Medicines Agency (EMA) has recommended suspending the sale of roughly four dozen generics for conditions such as diabetes, depression, and hypertension because their approvals were based on flawed clinical studies conducted in India, the agency announced today. "

http://www.medscape.com/viewarticle/838662?src=wnl_edit_news&uac=123591HV

Clippers power forward Blake Griffin will have surgery Monday to remove a staph infection in his right elbow.

<http://www.latimes.com/sports/clippers/clippersnow/la-sp-cn-blake-griffin-staph-infection-nazarian-20150208-story.html>

Grassley to hospitals: Explain why you're suing low-income patients

<http://www.foxnews.com/politics/2015/01/25/grassley-to-hospitals-explain-why-youre-suing-poor-patients/>

6 Questions to Ask Before Getting a CT scan or X-ray

<http://safepatientproject.org/posts/5366-6-questions-to-ask-before-getting-a-ct-scan-or-x-ray>

Questions Raised Regarding CEO Compensation

"Williams earned an average compensation of \$3.5 million a year between 2011 and 2013, based on the federal tax returns that Norton filed, the newspaper states. Chief Operating Officer Russell Cox was paid \$1.5 million annually over that same time period and Chief Financial Officer Michael Gough, \$1.2 million. Both were also guaranteed future annual compensation well into the six figures, the newspaper reported." (Note you may need to copy and paste the below URL in a browser to view the source document.)

<http://www.fiercehealthfinance.com/story/lawsuit-raises-questions-norton-healthcare-compensation/2015-02-01>

Public Trust in Physicians — U.S. Medicine in International Perspective

NEJM "Nevertheless, because the United States is such an outlier, with high patient satisfaction and low overall trust, we believe that the American public's trust in physicians as a group can be increased if the medical profession and its leaders deliberately take visible stands favoring policies that would improve the nation's health and health care, even if doing so might be disadvantageous to some physicians."

<http://www.nejm.org/doi/full/10.1056/NEJMp1407373>

Future Health Watch USA Meetings:

- Feb. 25, 2015 at 6:30 PM ET. Speaker: Michael L. Millenson, a contributor to Forbes Online, will present on "The Bizarre Case of the Business Case for Patient Safety".
- Mar. 18, 2015 at 7:00 PM ET. Speaker: Helen Bukumez on Medical Devices / Patient Advocacy
- Apr. 15, 2015 at 7:00 PM ET. Speaker: LF Muscarella PhD presenting on Deadly Bacteria (CRE) spread by Medical Endoscopes.
<http://www.usatoday.com/story/news/2015/01/21/bacteria-deadly-endoscope-contamination/22119329/>

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