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Health-care non-profits may not be what they seem. Profits

soar. HW USA Lexington Herald Leader Op-Ed: "Cost is the often repeated excuse for not doing more to control infections. Although not all hospitals reap large profits, the Affordable Care Act, which provides coverage of the previously uninsured, is boosting revenues."

<http://www.kentucky.com/2015/03/20/3759200/health-care-non-profits-may-not.html>

PR News Release: Article Questions If Flawed Research May Be Fueling the Superbug Epidemic

<http://www.prnewswire.com/news-releases/new-article-questions-if-flawed-research-may-be-fueling-the-superbug-epidemic-300050361.html>

Dallas nurse put people first; law should, too

"Pham, in a lawsuit filed Monday, makes very serious allegations that Texas Health Resources — the corporate parent of Texas Health Presbyterian Dallas where she caught the Ebola virus from a patient — didn't hold up its end of the deal. That's why she's suing. This isn't about a "payday," or about blaming somebody else for her own bad luck. It's about being sent into a burning building without a gas mask."

<http://www.dallasnews.com/news/columnists/jacquielynn-floyd/20150302-floyd-dallas-nurse-put-people-first-law-should-too.ece>

Should hospitals have to tell patients about superbugs?

FierceHealthcare: "Safety advocates call for greater regulation, public reporting amid CRE outbreak"

<http://www.fiercehealthcare.com/story/should-hospitals-have-tell-patients-about-superbugs/2015-03-09>

Charles Denham Settles Kickback Allegations:

Millinenson M, Forbes: "On March 2, the government announced Denham had agreed to pay \$1 million "to settle allegations that he violated the False Claims Acts by soliciting and accepting kickbacks." The settlement includes Denham's consulting company, Health Care Concepts, Inc., and his non-profit research group, Texas Medical Institute of Technology (TMIT). Denham was never formally charged with any wrongdoing, however, and the announcement carefully states: "The claims resolved by the settlement are allegations only; there has been no determination of liability.'" <http://www.forbes.com/sites/michaelmillenson/2015/03/08/the-fate-of-the-md-in-the-12-million-patient-safety-scandal/>

Orthopedists' Financial Conflicts Can Hurt Patients, Surgeon Says

Cheryl C, HealthLeaders: "It is financially compelling for many doctors to do things that aren't really going to help their patients, says an orthopedist who is leading a campaign against surgical overuse." <http://www.healthleadersmedia.com/content/QUA-314383/Orthopedists-Financial-Conflicts-Can-Hurt-Patients-Surgeon-Says>

MRSA Survivors Network Announces:

Fight MRSA - International MRSA Testing Week

Read More on the following Press Release:

<http://www.prnewswire.com/news-releases/fight-mrsa--international-mrsa-testing-week-300051375.html>

Body Cameras for ER Doctors

"... bottom line, this kind of recording will be good for patients, their families and the medical teams who care for them. We all behave better when someone is watching."

<http://www.medpagetoday.com/Blogs/EPMonthly/50492>

Health Watch USA Signs APIC Letter In Support of NHSN Funding

<http://ac2015.site.apic.org/education/call-for-presentations/>

According to Dept. of Health and Human Services - 16.4 Million More People are Insured Under the Affordable Care Act.

http://aspe.hhs.gov/health/reports/2015/uninsured_change/ib_uninsured_change.pdf

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Health Watch USA -- November 13, 2015 Conference

Speakers to Include:

- **Peter Eisler**, Medical Reporter for USA Today, presenting on the newspapers role in the assurance of medical quality.
- **Briana Aguirre**, RN, Nurse and Healthcare Quality Advocate who treated the first patient with Ebola in Texas.
- **Kaci Hickox**, MPH, RN, Nurse and Healthcare Quality Advocate who treated patients with Ebola in Africa. She underwent mandatory quarantine upon her return to the United States, despite being asymptomatic and not having any history of a break in contact precaution protocols.

Download Conference Flyer: <http://www.healthconference.org/2015conference-downloads/20151113-ConferenceFlyer-SDM.pdf>

Future Health Watch USA Meetings:

- 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/>
- May. 20, 2015 at 7:00 PM ET. Speaker: Helen Bukumez on Medical Devices / Patient Advocacy
- Jun. 17, 2015 at 7:00 PM ET. Speaker: Roy Poses, MD, on Research Integrity.

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