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Do Written Disclosures of Serious Events Increase Risk of Malpractice Claims? One Health Care System's Experience.

" Implementation of a mandated serious event disclosure law in Pennsylvania was not associated with an overall increase in malpractice claims filed. Among events of similar degree of harm, disclosed events had higher compensation paid compared with those that had not been disclosed."

http://journals.lww.com/journalpatientsafety/Abstract/publishahead/Do_Written_Disclosures_of_Serious_Events_Increase.99678.aspx

Antibiotic Resistance - New goals for antibiotic reductions.

Medscape: <http://www.medscape.com/viewarticle/842146>

Beth Bell, MD, MPH from the CDC stressed the importance of colonized patients moving between facilities in spreading multi-drug resistant organisms. This Relationship between facilities creates the need of an integrated program in states with the state health department as the nexus to bring various facilities together.

On a national basis it was stressed that there is a need to electronically capture resistance organisms and antibiotic use in hospitals on a national basis.

Among other targets, the plan sets goals for eradicating pathogens that have been labeled urgent or serious threats by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. The 2020 targets include:

- a 50% reduction from 2011 estimates in the incidence of *Clostridium difficile*,
- a 60% reduction in hospital-acquired *Carbapenem*-resistant *Enterobacteriaceae* infections,
- a 35% reduction in hospital-acquired multidrug-resistant *Pseudomonas* species infections, and
- a 50% reduction from 2011 estimates in methicillin-resistant *Staphylococcus aureus* bloodstream infections.

Other interventions which are being looked at are: Phage therapy, monoclonal antibodies, and microbiome modulation.

Download full report: http://www.healthwatchusa.org/downloads/20150327-national_action_plan_for_combating_antibiotic-resistant_bacteria.pdf

New study finds surveillance and decolonization lowers MRSA infection rates in surgical patients

MRSA infection rate decreased from 3.58‰ (baseline) to 0.42‰ (intervention period) (P <0.05), re-surfed to 2.21‰ (interruption period), and decreased to 0.18‰ (re-introduction of intervention period) (P < 0.05)

<http://ccforum.com/content/19/1/143/abstract>

Readmission rate after C. difficile discharge nearly double other discharges

<http://www.healio.com/infectious-disease/nosocomial-infections/news/online/%7B8ead488c-4ca7-4020-bf6b-2a0fd7a2aebf%7D/readmission-rate-after-c-difficile-discharge-nearly-double-other-discharges>

Cigarette smoke makes MRSA worse

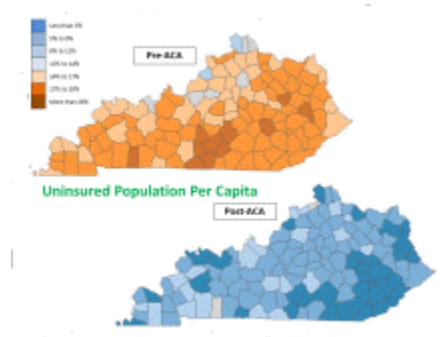
<http://www.utsandiego.com/news/2015/apr/02/cigarette-smoking-mrsa-crotty-alexander-ucsd/>

New blood test distinguishes between viral and bacterial and could stop overprescribing of antibiotics

<http://time.com/3750414/antibiotics-overprescribe-bacterial-viral-infections-immunoxper/#3750414/antibiotics-overprescribe-bacterial-viral-infections-immunoxper/>

Cardiologist blasts patient informed consent process

<http://www.healthleadersmedia.com/content/QUA-314224/Cardiologist-Blasts-Patient-Informed-Consent-Process>



The Affordable Care Act in Kentucky -- The Percentage of Uninsured Before and After Passage

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"In God we trust. All others must have data." Bernard Fisher, MD, FACS – Surgeon and Breast Cancer Pioneer

This also applies to patient safety -- Health Watch USA

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Health Watch USA -- November 13, 2015 Conference

Speakers to Include:

- **Peter Eisler**, Medical Reporter for USA Today, presenting on the newspaper's 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 Bukulmez on Medical Devices / Patient Advocacy
- Jun. 17, 2015 at 7:00 PM ET. Speaker: Roy Poses, MD, on Research Integrity.

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