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Perspectives on Surgery Certification, and Credentialing with the Da Vinci Robot.

A short video presentation on the use of video-based analysis of surgical skills and Surgical Proctoring as they relate to the credentialing and privileging of surgeons. Jason C. Pradarelli, MD, MS Candidate 2016, University of Michigan, Center for Healthcare Outcomes and Policy Health Watch USA Meeting. June 17, 2015: You Tube Video: <https://youtu.be/pmyBZvaSZsg>

Examples of Video-Based Analysis of Surgery Skills

- View Video of Poorer Performing Surgeon <https://youtu.be/cOkMgzCNUFs>
- View Video of Higher Performing Surgeon <https://youtu.be/lmMxUyAHbl4>

Renowned Author Rosemary Gibson - Medical Recertification - Jack Pattie Show

Renowned author Rosemary Gibson & HW USA's Dr. Kevin Kavanagh discuss two topics, medical recertification and safety concerns regarding the medical device approval process.

<https://youtu.be/6MkNeEbtmOM>

Healthcare Associated Infections

Hospitals should act as Ky falls on key infection ranking - Herald Leader Op-Ed.

One of the most prevalent superbugs is MRSA which causes the deadly staph infection. Until recently, Kentucky had one of the highest rates of staph bloodstream infections in the nation. New data from the Centers for Disease Control's National Healthcare Safety Network show that our MRSA bloodstream infection rate has worsened; Kentucky is now dead last among the 50 states in controlling this deadly disease. The picture on the right shows an American Eagle

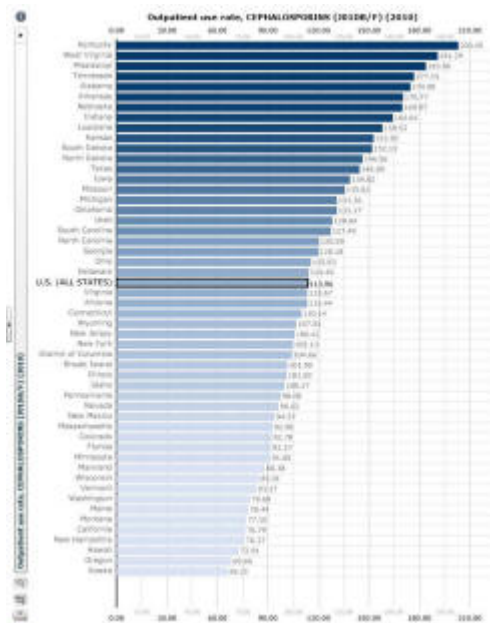


at Kentucky's Salato Wildlife Education Center who developed a drug resistant bacterial infection and died. <http://www.kentucky.com/2015/06/17/3905753/ky-voices-dr-kevin-kavanagh-says.html>

Health Watch USA and Other Consumer Advocates Call for More Research on Chlorhexidine

HW USA, Consumers Union and patient advocates have sent a comment to the FDA requesting that they include the antiseptic chlorhexidine in their regulations calling for additional data on antiseptics. Chlorhexidine is an antiseptic which some institutions are using for the prevention of MRSA (the deadly staph infection). However, there have been questions regarding the integrity of some of the research advocating for its use. Read Comment and

References: <http://www.healthwatchusa.org/downloads/20150610-CommentToFDA.pdf> <http://www.regulations.gov/#!documentDetail;D=FDA-2015-N-0101-1240>

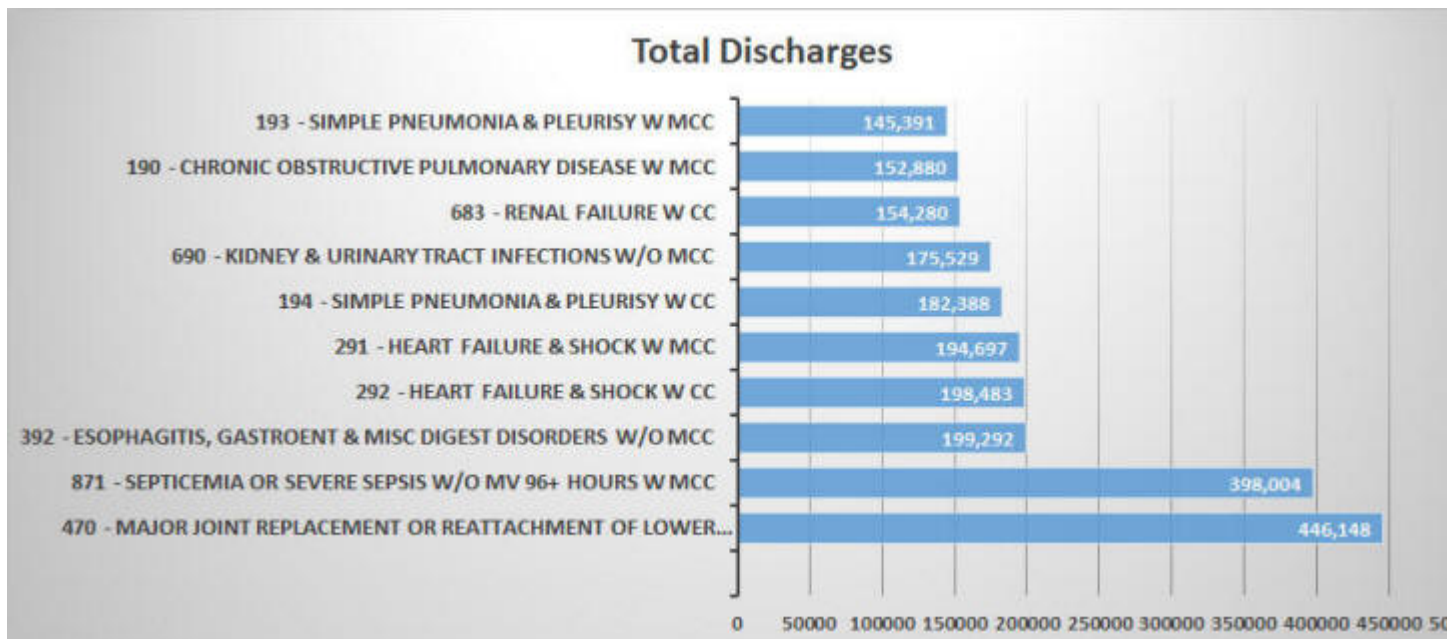


"Mae Wu, a health attorney at the Natural Resources Defense Council, praised the White House's move. "For the first time, the federal government is flexing its considerable purchasing power muscle to help build the market for meat and poultry produced with the so-called 'responsible' use of antibiotics,"

Read USA Today: <http://www.usatoday.com/story/news/2015/06/02/white-house-superbugs/28356015/>

Sepsis is a Bigger Problem Than Many Envision.

Sepsis is a severe life-threatening bacterial infection. According to Medicare Payment Data, sepsis is the second most expensive Medicare expenditure, costing over \$5.5 billions and affecting almost 400,000 patients each year. -- Click on Figure Below to Enlarge:



<http://www.cms.gov/Newsroom/MediaReleaseDatabase/Fact-sheets/2015-Fact-sheets-items/2015-06-01.html>

Unnecessary and Dangerous Care

An avalanche of unnecessary medical care is harming patients physically and financially. What can we do about it?

Atul Gawande: "In just a single year, the researchers reported, twenty-five to forty-two per cent of Medicare patients received at least one of the twenty-six useless tests and treatments."

<http://www.newyorker.com/magazine/2015/05/11/overkill-atul-gawande>

FBI Investigating Johnson & Johnson Over Morcellators

<http://pittsburgh.cbslocal.com/2015/06/15/fbi-investigating-johnson-johnson-over-morcellators/>



**Health Watch USA - Patient Safety
Conference
November 13, 2015
At the Four Points Sheraton in Lexington, Kentucky**

Speakers 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.
- **Richard Wild**, MD, MPH, Chief Medical Officer CMS Atlanta Region
- **Kraig Humbaugh** MD, MSP Director, Epidemiology and Health Planning Kentucky Department for Public Health.

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

For More Information And a Full List of Speakers Go To: www.healthconference.org

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Future Health Watch USA Meetings:

- Jun. 17, 2015 at 7:00 PM ET. Speaker: Jason Pradarelli, MD, MS Candidate 2016, on the recent JAMA article on "Hospital Credentialing and Privileging of Surgeons A Potential Safety Blind Spot" <http://jama.jamanetwork.com/article.aspx?articleid=2214093>

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