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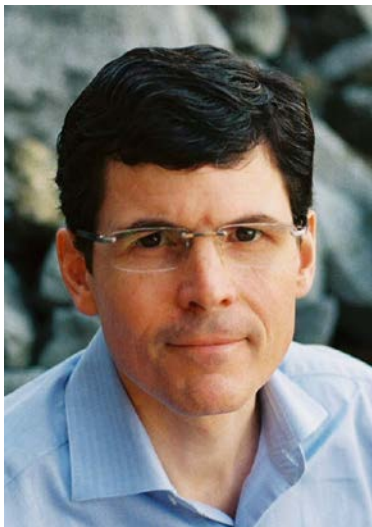
Newsletter

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Health Watch USA Preconference Webinar -- Healthcare Quality



Pre HW USA Conference Event: Dr. Jim Bailey discusses his new book: "The End of Healing".

Topics include, the importance of primary care, medical overutilization, and the high cost of healthcare. Dr. Bailey stresses the importance of patients being engaged in their healthcare decisions.

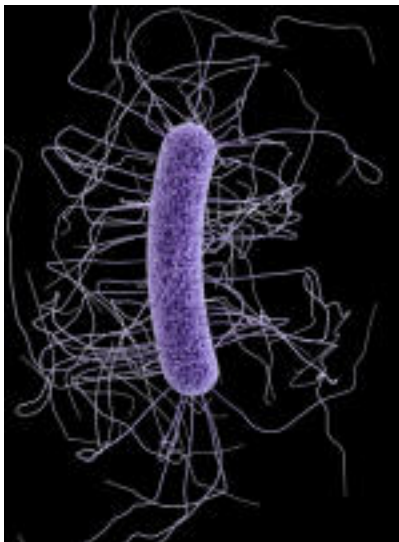
Health Watch USA Pre-Conference Event. The Jack Pattie Show - Webcast: WVLK -- Oct. 27, 2016.

Youtube Link at: <https://youtu.be/tp6IFOpbNSQ>

For more about Health Watch USA's Patient Safety & Healthcare Quality Conference on Nov. 4th 2016 in Lexington Kentucky go to: www.healthconference.org To Download a

Brochure: http://www.healthconference.org/2016conference_downloads/Brochure.pdf

Health Care Infections



Antibiotic Usage In Hospitals From 2006 to 2012.

"Use of some antibiotics, especially broad spectrum agents, however, has increased significantly. This trend is worrisome in light of the rising challenge of antibiotic resistance." From JAMA Internal Medicine <http://jamanetwork.com/journals/jamainternalmedicine/article-abstract/2553294>

Bill Introduced In California To Require Reporting Patient infections With Resistant Bacteria.

"The Times reported this month that state officials estimate that 7,500 to 9,000 Californians die each year from infections acquired inside hospitals. That number is based on a national estimate that 75,000 Americans die annually from hospital-acquired infections —

a projection that some experts say is too low." From the Los Angeles

Times: <http://www.latimes.com/business/la-fi-hospital-superbug-legislation-20161010-snap-story.html>

Staff Scrubs and Hospital Room Furniture Are Linked To Spreading Superbugs.

"The threat of antibiotic-resistant bacteria continues to grow. A new study finds that superbugs may be spread from staff members' scrubs." From FierceHealthCare

<http://www.fiercehealthcare.com/hospitals/superbugs-latch-to-staff-scrubs-hospital-room-furniture>

Healthcare Devices

Heart Bypass Device Linked To Spreading Infections

"The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) is warning healthcare providers and patients about the potential risk of infection from certain devices used during open heart (open-chest) surgery. ."

From the CDC: <https://www.cdc.gov/HAI/outbreaks/heater-cooler.html>

Healthcare Finances



Average Insurance Premiums Rising 25%

From the Washington Post: "Reacting to the figures, Senate Finance Committee Chairman Orrin G. Hatch (R-Utah) said the HHS analysis "does little to dispel the notion we are seeing the law implode at the expense of middle-class families."" https://www.washingtonpost.com/national/health-science/average-premiums-for-popular-aca-plans-rising-25-percent/2016/10/24/3adbb734-9a12-11e6-b3c9-f662adaa0048_story.html

Employers Shifting Healthcare Costs To Employees.

"But the slower cost growth in employer coverage comes at the cost of shifting more workers to high deductible plans that are attached to a health savings account or a health reimbursement arrangement." From Modern

Healthcare: <http://www.modernhealthcare.com/article/20161026/NEWS/161029928>

Health Watch USA Patient Safety Conference -- Nov. 4th, 2016 Four Points Sheraton, Lexington, KY



The conference's theme this year is the reliability of research and protocols for infectious disease, medical device safety and patient safety.

Keynote Speakers Include:

- 1) Karen Posner, PhD Presenting on the Closed Claim Project.
- 2) Jim Bailey, MD Presenting on "The End of Healing"
- 3) Mark Davis, MD Presenting on "Safer Surgical Instrumentation and Protection for Surgeons and Patients"
- 4) Past U.S. Surgeon Joycelyn Elders, MD.

For a full list of speakers and agenda Go To: <http://www.healthconference.org/agenda.htm>

Registration is \$48. Continuing education for physicians (Type I AMA), nurses, occupational therapists and physical therapists have been applied for and are included with the registration cost.

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