



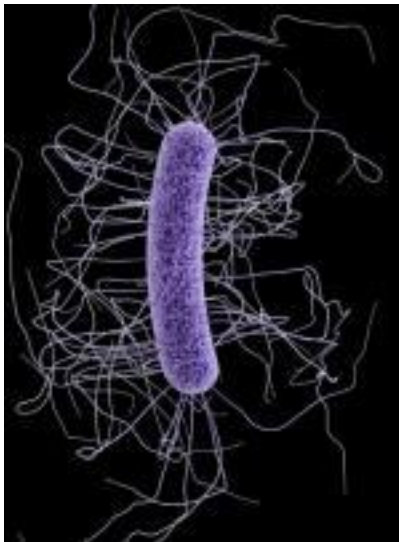
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Health Care Infections



One life, two donated organs and \$5.7 million in bills – a tale of superbugs' deadly costs.

"Recovering from transplant surgery, Dan Greulich fell prey to a drug-resistant infection. What happened over the next five months shows the terrible human and financial price of an epidemic raging through the U.S. healthcare system." From

Reuters: <http://www.reuters.com/investigates/special-report/usa-uncounted-costs/>

Multidrug- and Carbapenem-Resistant *Pseudomonas aeruginosa* in Children, United States, 1999–2012.

Rates of highly resistant drug resistant (Multidrug-resistant and carbapenem-resistant) "*Pseudomonas aeruginosa* infection in children are rising nationally. Aggressive prevention strategies,

including instituting antimicrobial stewardship programs in pediatric settings, are essential for combating antimicrobial resistance. ." From the Journal of the Pediatric Infectious Diseases Society: <http://jpid.oxfordjournals.org/content/early/2016/11/15/jpid.piw064>

Burden of Six Healthcare-Associated Infections on European Population Health.

- More than 2.5 million cases of HAI (healthcare associated infections) occur in the European Union and European Economic Area (EU/EEA) each year, corresponding to approximately 2.5 million DALYs (disability-adjusted life years).
- HAP (healthcare-associated pneumonia) and HA (healthcare-associated) primary BSI (bloodstream infections) were responsible for the largest part of the total burden of HAIs.
- The total burden of the six HAIs in Europe was higher than that of all other communicable diseases under surveillance at ECDC (European Centre for Disease Prevention and Control).

From Plos

Medicine: <http://journals.plos.org/plosmedicine/article?id=10.1371/journal.pmed.1002150>

Healthcare Devices

Why is that salesman in the operating room for your knee replacement?

"They are a little-known presence in many operating rooms, offering technical expertise to surgeons installing new knees, implanting cardiac defibrillators or performing delicate spine surgery."

From The Washington Post: https://www.washingtonpost.com/national/health-science/why-is-that-salesperson-in-the-operating-room-for-your-knee-replacement/2016/11/14/ab8172fa-78e6-11e6-beac-57a4a412e93a_story.html

Surgical robot use scrutinized at Cincinnati VA Medical Center

"The Cincinnati VA Medical Center spent more than \$7.6 million since 2009 to purchase four surgical robots that were used in an average of 55 surgeries per year." From

WCPO: <http://www.wcpo.com/news/insider/surgical-robot-use-scrutinized-at-cincinnati-va-medical-center>

Healthcare Finances

NY hospitals invest offshore amid tax-exemption debate

"Some New York hospitals have invested billions in a complex and risky offshore financial network despite receiving tax exemptions stateside, The Journal News/lohud has found." Democrat & Chronicle:

<http://www.democratandchronicle.com/story/news/2016/10/28/ny-hospitals-invest-offshore-amid-tax-exemption-debate/92831556/>

CMS Finalizes The Way Off-Campus Facilities are Reimbursed

"The CMS on Tuesday released a final rule that stops paying hospitals off-campus facilities the same as hospitals based outpatient departments if they started billing Medicare after Nov. 2, 2015."

<http://www.modernhealthcare.com/article/20161101/NEWS/161109982>

Fewer hospitals earn Medicare bonuses under value-based purchasing

"More than 1,600 hospitals will see bonuses from Medicare in 2017 under the Hospital Value-Based Purchasing program, according to federal data released Tuesday. The number earning positive pay adjustments is about 200 fewer than last year. " Modern Healthcare:

<http://www.modernhealthcare.com/article/20161101/NEWS/161109986>

A Patient Advocate Tells Her Tragic Story



Emily Paterson tells her personal family tragedy involving a preventable adverse event. YouTube Video Of Presentation <https://youtu.be/Xofdoss3rCQ>

Health Watch USA's 2016 Healthcare Quality & Patient Safety Conference

The presentation videos are now online.

To view the conference presentations: Go To:

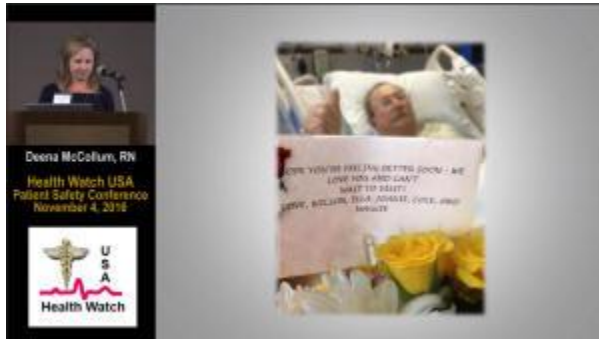
https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLKKV6p_etRmPhxndxrvt7yeE-ICUmqzK



Jim Bailey, MD: "In Search of Healthcare That Heals".

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Deena Sowa McCollum, RN: "Safe Nurse Staffing Levels and Patient Safety. It's Personal".

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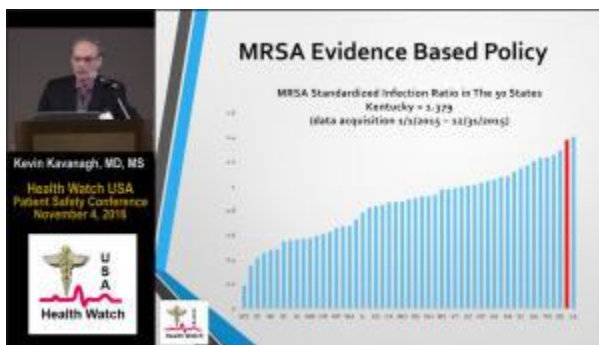


Stephen Tower, MD is an arthroprosthetic surgeon and an affiliated Professor at WWAMI. "Complications of Wear or Corrosion of Chromic-Cobalt Hip Implants".

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[Review of Systemic Cobaltism After Hip Implants](#)

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Kevin T. Kavanagh, MD, MS: "Research Integrity and Its Effect on Infectious Disease Healthcare Policy".

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[Manuscript: Principles of Integrity In Infectious Disease](#)

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Karen Posner, PhD: "The Anesthesia Closed Claims Project"


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Safety Behaviors

- Have early prevention training.
- High reliability
- Accept human errors & medical errors.
- Respond quickly.
- Timely
- Standardized
- Quick response
- Be optimistic.
- Focus on safety.

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Joycelyn Elders, MD Past U.S. Surgeon General. "Reducing Harm From Medical Errors".


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Speelman Correlations among Quality Measures, Staffing Measures, and Patient Safety Culture Subscores

	Short-Stay Ulcers	Long-day Falls	Long-Stay Ults	Long-Stay Ulcers
Number of Certified Beds	0.43***	0.14*		0.34***
Number of Residents	0.43***	0.14*		0.34***
Number of licensed nurse staff hours per resident per day	0.31***	0.71***	0.70***	0.31***
RN hours per resident per day	0.38***			
PMN/CPN hours per resident per day	0.43***	0.61***	0.71***	0.47***
RA hours per resident per day		0.46***	0.29**	0.21***
Physical Therapy staff hours per resident per day		0.37***	0.46***	
Total Safety Score			0.19*	
Teamwork	0.12*	0.14*		
Handoffs		0.39***	0.14*	
Organizational Learning		0.13*		

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Said Abusaleem, RN, PhD: "In an Era of Reform: The Culture of Safety in Long Term Care Facilities".

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AHRQ Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality
Advancing Excellence in Health Care

On September 9, 2009, President Obama directed the Secretary of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), who assigned AHRQ to establish an initiative that would help States and health systems test models that meet the following goals:

- Put patient safety first by reducing preventable injuries.
- Foster better communication between doctors and patients.
- Ensure fair and timely compensation for medical injuries while reducing malpractice litigation.
- Reduce liability premiums.

Steve Kraman, MD
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Steve Kraman, MD: "What's New in Disclosure? The AHRQ CANDOR Process and Toolkit".

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Proof of Effectiveness of Safety Devices in Prevention of Injury and Blood Exposure 2

- 2. Passing sharp instruments using a "neutral zone", instead of passing them hand-to-hand
- 3% of all scalpel injuries (the 2nd most common type of injury) and 3% of all suture needle injuries (the most common type of injury) occur when these sharps are passed from hand-to-hand
- Neutral Zone shown to reduce collisions & sharp object injuries significantly (Springer B, et al)
- SURGEON COMPLIANCE: sporadic



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Mark Davis, MD: "Exposure of Patients to HIV and Hepatitis C During Surgical Procedures".

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Price, not utilization

- Price, not utilization, is the force behind historical medical cost trend
- Early 2000s, price and utilization contributed to growth in healthcare costs. Since then, use has declined and higher prices are driving growth.

OVERALL HEALTHCARE COSTS
Employee Health Benefit Costs

PRICE
PwC Overall Price Index

UTILIZATION
PwC Utilization Index

2000 2002 2004 2006 2008 2010 2012 2014 2014

Source: PwC 2015 "Rising Healthcare Costs: Effects of Cost-Containment"

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Daniel Saman, DrPh, MPH: "Rising Healthcare Costs".

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