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Amy Reed Obituary and Final Celebration - June 1, 2017



Obituary: "Following (Amy Reed's) cancer diagnosis and iatrogenic complication at the Brigham and Women's Hospital in Boston, Dr. Reed became a leading advocate for patient-safety and women's health."

In lieu of flowers, please direct contributions in her memory to the Slay Sarcoma Research Initiative at:
www.slaysarcoma.com

NYT's Obituary: <https://www.nytimes.com/2017/05/24/us/amy-reed-died-cancer-patient-who-fought-morcellation-procedure.html>

The Cancer Letter: https://cancerletter.com/articles/20170526_1/

View HWUSA's Playlist on the dangers of medical devices.

https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLKKV6p_etRmP00v6PMeyVYCKj8XpEI4iR

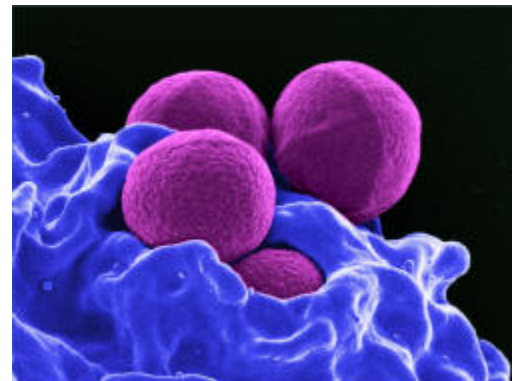
Healthcare Acquired Infections

UCI doctor's plan (Universal Chlorhexidine Daily Bathing) to stop superbugs is widely used. At her own hospital, it didn't work

LA Times: <http://fw.to/AQSLtHW>

Weekly screening supports terminating nosocomial transmissions of vancomycin-resistant enterococci on an oncologic ward – a retrospective analysis

"Weekly screening helped to differentiate between nosocomial and community-acquired VRE cases resulting in earlier infection control strategies on epidemic situations for a successful termination of nosocomial



VRE transmissions."

<https://aricjournal.biomedcentral.com/articles/10.1186/s13756-017-0206-z>

Reuters Investigates Industrial Influence and Infection Control Policy

<http://www.reuters.com/investigates/special-report/usa-superbugs-research/>

First-Try Antibiotics Now Fail in 1 in 4 Adult Pneumonia Cases

US News & World Report: "The first prescription of an antibiotic that the average U.S. adult with pneumonia receives is now ineffective in about a quarter of cases, a new study finds." <http://health.usnews.com/health-care/articles/2017-05-21/first-try-antibiotics-now-fail-in-1-in-4-adult-pneumonia-cases>

News Release -- Does the United States need a paradigm shift to control MRSA?

View News Release: <http://www.prweb.com/releases/2017/04/prweb14247610.htm>

Healthcare Quality

Correlation Between Hospital Quality of Care and YELP Reviews:

"Yet, what is drawing in patients is Yelp—the website widely known for consumer-driven restaurant reviews. Yelp is beginning to play a role in helping patients with their health care decisions. But whether Yelp ratings will drive patients in the right direction—toward high-quality providers—is still unclear."

<http://healthaffairs.org/blog/2017/05/25/the-burgeoning-yelpification-of-health-care-foundations-help-consumers-hold-a-scale-and-a-mirror-to-the-health-care-system/>

Variation in Physician Spending and Association With Patient Outcomes

"Health care spending varies more across individual physicians than across hospitals. However, higher physician spending is not associated with better outcomes of hospitalized patients."

<http://jamanetwork.com/journals/jamainternalmedicine/article-abstract/2608538>

The Wider Role of Regulatory Scientists.

BMJ: <http://www.bmj.com/content/357/bmj.j1991.full>

Dialysis: Last Week Tonight with John Oliver (HBO)

"For-profit dialysis companies often maximize their profits at the expense of their patients. John Oliver explores why a medical clinic is nothing like a Taco Bell."

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yw_nqzVfxFQ

Medical Devices

Neuropsychiatric symptoms following metal-on-metal implant failure with cobalt and chromium toxicity

BMC Psychiatry: "We found neurocognitive and depressive deficits after cobalt and chromium

metallosis following MoM (metal-on-metal) implant failure. Larger studies of neurocognitive effects are indicated in this group. There may be implications for public health."

BMC Psychiatry: <https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pmc/articles/PMC5259873//>

This article confirms the findings in an earlier article published by Dr. Steven Tower in the Journal of Patient Safety:

http://journals.lww.com/journalpatientsafety/Abstract/publishahead/A_Systematic_Review_of_Systemic_Cobaltism_After.99652.aspx

Commentary Regarding Metal Poisoning After Hip

Implants: http://journals.lww.com/journalpatientsafety/Citation/publishahead/Hip_Metallosis_and_Corrosion_A_Million_Harmed_Due.99566.aspx

Healthcare Finance

AETNA Pulls out of Healthcare Exchanges

"As of next year, Aetna is officially done with Affordable Care Act exchanges."

<http://www.fiercehealthcare.com/aca/aetna-will-completely-exit-aca-exchange-2018>

Medical Ethics

JAMA devotes an Entire Issue to Conflicts of Interest, Which Riddles Every Level of the Medical and Research Industry.

<http://jamanetwork.com/journals/jama/issue/317/17>

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Health Watch USA's June Patient Safety Webinar

Topic: Oversight and Safety of Medical Devices

Speaker: Joleen Chambers

When: June 21st, 2017 at 7:00 PM Eastern Time

To attend send an email to healthwatchusa@gmail.com

Health Watch USA's 2017 Healthcare Quality & Patient Safety Conference

Nov. 3rd, 2017 at the Four Points Sheraton, Lexington, KY -- Save the date.

Presentation videos for the 2016 Conference are now online.

To view the conference presentations: Go To:

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

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