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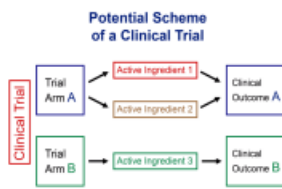
## Newsletter

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## Healthcare Acquired Infections

### The Research Evidence Behind Chlorhexidine Recommendations



Dr. Matthias Maiwald discusses research integrity concerns which may have effected treatment indications for chlorhexidine and WHO position statements. This presentation was given at the 2017 French Infection Control Congress. Dr. Matthias will be presenting at the July 19th HW USA meeting (see below).

Maiwald M. (2017) When evidence is not what it seems: complexities in the assessment of skin antiseptics. Invited presentation (extended version), Satellite Symposium organized by Meda Pharma, XXVIII Congrès National de la Société Française d'Hygiène Hospitalière, Nice, France, 7-9 June 2017.

View YouTube Video: <https://youtu.be/p7MOTi5Tq4w>

### National Trends in the Frequency of Bladder Catheterization and Physician-diagnosed Catheter-associated Urinary Tract Infections

"There were statistically significant declines in observed bladder catheterization frequency and adjusted CAUTI frequency in some patient populations between 2009 and 2014."

<https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pubmed/28625702>

## Medical Devices



### Dangerous Implantable Medical Devices

Joleen Chambers from FiDA (Failed Implant Device Alliance) discusses several dangerous medical devices along with the lack of sufficient testing and post-market follow-up. Medical devices include Essure, vaginal mesh, hip implants, and morcellators. She also makes a plea for manufacturer device warranties.

You Tube Video: <https://youtu.be/k1tA3H7i3s0>

## **Early Warning Signs Were Missed With Gastric Banding**

"Of the \$2.1 billion spent on the gastric band device during this period, \$820 million was spent on device-related reoperations.<sup>1</sup> Perhaps of greater concern is that the trend of increasing payments to remove or revise the device appears clear as early as 2009, when payments for reoperations totaled more than 30% of annual spending on the gastric band device "

<http://jamanetwork.com/journals/jama/fullarticle/2635359>

## **Healthcare Finance**

### **How the ACA's Changes to Medicaid Will Affect Hospital Finances in Every State**

"The hospitals in the District of Columbia and the 31 states that expanded Medicaid are projected to see a 78 percent increase in uncompensated care costs between 2017 and 2026. Eleven of these states will see uncompensated care costs at least double between 2017 and 2026. For example, Nevada hospitals will see a 98 percent increase, West Virginia a 122 percent increase, and Kentucky a 165 percent increase."

<http://www.commonwealthfund.org/publications/blog/2017/jun/how-changes-to-medicaid-will-affect-hospital-finances-in-every-state>

## **Medical Ethics**

### **China Gets Tough on Academic Retractions and Fraud - Could Lead to Execution.**

STAT: "Scientists have been sounding alarms for years about the integrity of research in China. One recent survey estimated that 40 percent of biomedical papers by Chinese scholars were tainted by misconduct."

<https://www.statnews.com/2017/06/23/china-death-penalty-research-fraud/>

Nature: "Those who submit faked clinical trial data might now go to jail — and in extreme circumstances, be executed — under a new interpretation of China's criminal code, announced last month."

<https://www.nature.com/articles/n-12286656>

### **What Predatory Publishers Teach Us**

"...it's not only the scholarly publishing industry that needs reform and self-regulation. Academic librarianship needs to wake up to the problem of predatory publishers and be true to library patrons seeking help and advice on scholarly communication."

<http://www.biochemia-medica.com/2017/2/273>

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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](mailto: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\\_etRmPhxndxrv7yeE-ICUmqzK](https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLKKV6p_etRmPhxndxrv7yeE-ICUmqzK)

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