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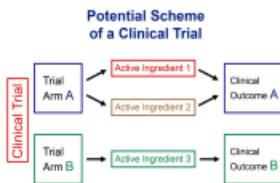
## Newsletter

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## Healthcare Acquired Infections

### The Research Evidence Behind Chlorhexidine Recommendations



Dr. Matthias Maiwald will be discussing research integrity concerns which may have effected treatment indications for chlorhexidine and WHO position statements during the July 19th HW USA meeting.

To access the webinar using a computer to the following URL:

<http://healthwatchusa.adobeconnect.com/july2017/>

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>

Noel Eldridge, (Senior Advisor AHRQ) a co-author on this article will be presenting this information at at the July 19th HW USA meeting.

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### CDC Consumer Advocate Meeting and July HICCPAC Meeting

Health Watch USA attended the July Consumer Advocate Meeting and the HICCPAC meeting the

following day. The following two themes which we voiced had a very good reception:

- In the context of resistant bacteria, hand washing is a backup measure, because these bacteria should not be on healthcare workers' hands in the first place.  
Listen to Comment: <https://youtu.be/jPwZTYGY5qM>
- And that no-outbreak does not mean no-transmission. For that matter, it also does not mean no infections.

Two of the other important points which were repeatedly stressed are as follows:

- That MDROS spread between facilities and for optimum control to be obtained, engagement with the Public Health Dept. is necessary. A coordinated approach can decrease infections from 15% (independent approach) to 8% (coordinate approach).
- That a single case of the multi-drug resistant bacteria, CRE, is considered an outbreak. And outbreaks of CRE are to be controlled using a containment approach which includes full contact precautions and surveillance of asymptomatic contacts.

### **America Has a \$27 Billion Sepsis Crisis**

Bloomberg: <https://www.bloomberg.com/news/articles/2017-07-14/america-has-a-27-billion-sepsis-crisis>

### **Zero Hospital-Acquired Infections? Believe It.**

HealthLeaders: "Convincing clinicians that getting to zero infections is possible, says one CQO. It requires a culture change, adherence to evidence-based practice, and leadership."

<http://www.healthleadersmedia.com/leadership/zero-hospital-acquired-infections-believe-it>

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### **Health Watch USA's July 19th Patient Safety Webinar**

Topics: The Research Behind Chlorhexidine Recommendations & The Incidence of Catheter Associated Urinary Infections in the United States

Speaker: Maiwald Matthias, MD & Noel Eldridge (Senior Advisor AHRQ)

When: July 19th, 2017 at 7:00 PM Eastern Time

To access the webinar using a computer to the following URL:

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



## The Setting Of Strong Quality Standards & Research Integrity

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

### Speakers to Include:

- Joycelyn Elders, MD – Past U.S. Surgeon General
- Deborah Nelson: Pulitzer prize winning investigative reporter presenting on conflicts-of-interest and infectious disease policy. Associate Professor Investigative Journalism. University of Maryland.  
Resume: <https://merrill.umd.edu/about-merrill/staff-faculty/deborah-nelson/>
- Ivan Oransky, MD -- Distinguished Writer in Residence, New York University & Co-Founder of "Retraction Watch" presenting on Characteristics and Findings of Retracted Peer-Reviewed Scientific Manuscripts.  
Resume: <https://journalism.nyu.edu/about-us/profile/ivan-oransky-md/>
- Lisa McGiffert, Consumer Union's Safe Patient Project, presenting on Patient Safety and Healthcare Accountability.  
Resume: <http://consumersunion.org/experts/lisa-mcgiffert/>

To register for the event go to: <http://www.healthconference.org/payment.htm>

For more information please go to:

<http://www.healthconference.org/>

### 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](https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLKKV6p_etRmPhxndxrvt7yeE-ICUmqzK)

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