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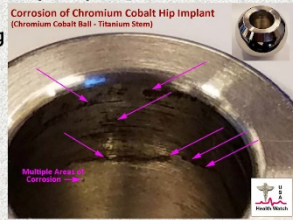
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2017 The Leapfrog Groups 2017 Hospital Ratings Summit



Medical Devices – Metrics Needed

- ▶ Most Implanted Medical Devices Have Not Been Clinically Tested.
- ▶ HW USA has as a major initiative the raising of awareness of the risks of cobalt poisoning and associated brain toxicity in up to 3 million patients with hip implants having chromium cobalt components.



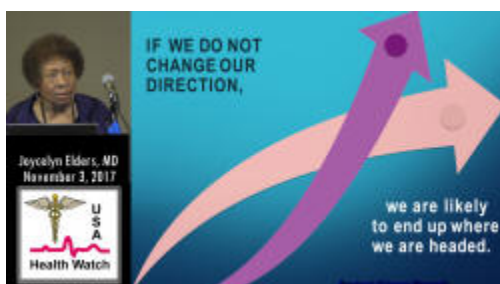
Kevin T. Kavanagh, MD, MS, Board Chairman of Health Watch USA, presents at The Leapfrog Group's Hospital Care Ratings Summit on Dec. 7, 2017. Topics discussed are preventable mortality, antibiotic resistant infections (MRSA), medical devices, full disclosure, risk adjustment, value-based purchasing and research integrity. YouTube Video: <https://youtu.be/cmYJiKkC7HM>

2017 Health Watch USA Conference Presentation

The following are four presentations at the the 2017 Health Watch USA, Patient Safety Conference. For a complete list of presenters along with PowerPoint Slides and videos of other 2017 conference presentations please go to: <http://www.healthwatchusa.org/conference2017/>



KEYNOTE SPEECH: Ivan Oransky, MD - Co-Founder of Retraction Watch discusses scientific research integrity. YouTube: <https://youtu.be/63jdczICWSA>



Joycelyn Elders, MD - Past Surgeon General discusses the importance of creating a culture of patient safety. The importance of transparency, disclosure of medical errors and a just culture are key to fostering of a culture of patient safety. YouTube: <https://youtu.be/bI9ypps8yM4>



Said Abusalem, RN, PhD - Culture of Safety and Leadership in Long Term Care Facilities. YouTube: <https://youtu.be/8K9gRrpU61w>



Emily Paterson - Patient Advocate. YouTube: <https://youtu.be/QuOBmQwPSHA>

Healthcare Quality

Leilani Schweitzer: How Can Hospitals Be More Transparent About Medical Errors?

TED TALK: "Leilani Schweitzer lost her son due to a medical error. She says the hospital's honesty and openness helped her heal. She now works to provide that level of honesty to patients at the same hospital.."

<https://youtu.be/qmaY9DEzBzI>

New Zealand Bans Vaginal Mesh Implants

The Guardian: "Ministry of Health asks suppliers to stop marketing the mesh until they have proven its safety."

<https://www.theguardian.com/science/2017/dec/12/new-zealand-bans-vaginal-mesh-implants>

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