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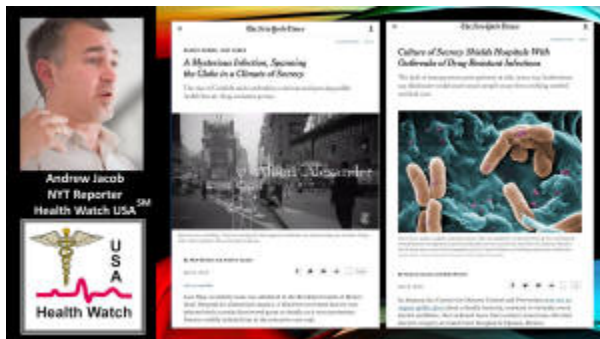
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The changing narrative of MRSA infection control in the United States

Biomed Central: "But of utmost importance, we need to protect our healthcare workers who may well be acting as reservoirs to spread these pathogens to patients and their families. An economic safety net needs to be established and medical screening needs to take place. Until these reforms are universally enacted in the United States Healthcare facilities, I have grave reservations that the epidemic of drug resistant bacteria will be brought under control."

<http://blogs.biomedcentral.com/on-health/2019/06/19/the-changing-narrative-of-mrsa-infection-control-in-the-united-states/>

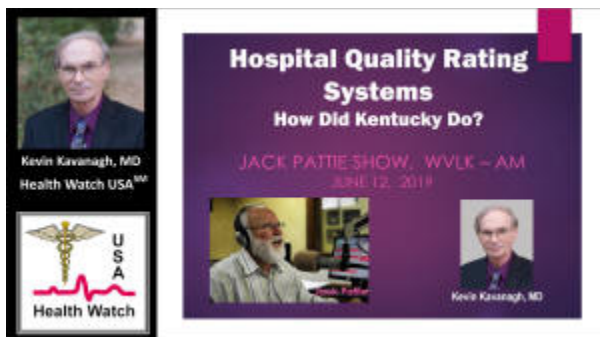


NYTs Reporter Andrew Jacobs - Candida auris.

Andrew Jacobs, NYTs reporter on the health and science desk discusses their investigate report on candida auris. The need for greater transparency and the implications of this epidemic.

Health Watch USA Meeting. June 19, 2019. YouTube

Video: <https://youtu.be/m6u0N7laf2Y>



Hospital Quality Rankings. Dr. Kevin Kavanagh discusses hospital quality ranking systems and Compares The Leapfrog Group and U.S. News & World Reports Ranking systems. Jack Pattie Show WVLC AM. YouTube Video:

<https://youtu.be/yIT83-jgM1g>

Control of MSSA and MRSA in the United States: protocols, policies, risk adjustment and excuses

"A case is made that concerns with the integrity of healthcare policy research, along with industrial conflicts-of-interest have inhibited effective formulation of infectious disease policy in the United States. Because MRSA has become endemic in the general U.S. population (approximately 2%), the author advocates that universal facility-wide

screening of MRSA on admission be included in infection prevention bundles used at U.S. hospital."

<https://aricjournal.biomedcentral.com/articles/10.1186/s13756-019-0550-2>

Coverage in Infection Control Today. Jun 21, 2019.

<https://www.infectioncontrolday.com/bacterial/control-mssa-and-mrsa-us-protocols-policies-risk-adjustment-and-excuses>

Colonized Candida auris patients shed fungus via skin

CIDRAP: "...patients who carry the multidrug-resistant fungus *Candida auris* on their skin are shedding it into the hospital environment and contributing to transmission of the deadly organism....While the high mortality rate is drawing headlines, what's making *C. auris* such a difficult foe for hospitals to contend with is its hardiness. The fungus can survive on dry surfaces for several weeks and is hard to kill once it gets on hospital surfaces.?"

<http://www.cidrap.umn.edu/news-perspective/2019/06/study-colonized-candida-auris-patients-shed-fungus-skin>

Finances

The absurdly high cost of insulin, explained

VOX: "Colorado just became the first state to cap the price of insulin at \$100 per month."

<https://www.vox.com/2019/4/3/18293950/why-is-insulin-so-expensive>

Healthcare Quality

Surgeons' Opioid-Prescribing Habits Are Hard To Kick

KHN: "A new data analysis by KHN and Johns Hopkins researchers shows that even as the CDC issued warnings, surgeons handed out many times the number of opioid pills needed for post-op pain.

Many doctors wrote prescriptions for dozens of opioid tablets after surgeries — even for operations that cause most patients relatively little pain, according to the analysis, done in collaboration with researchers at Johns Hopkins School of Public Health."

<https://khn.org/news/surgeons-opioid-prescribing-habits-hard-to-kick/>

Association of Coworker Reports About Unprofessional Behavior by Surgeons With Surgical Complications in Their Patients

JAMA Network: "The adjusted complication rate was 14.3% higher for patients whose surgeons had 1 to 3 reports and 11.9% higher for patients whose surgeons had 4 or more reports compared with patients whose surgeons had no coworker reports (P = .05)."

<https://jamanetwork.com/journals/jamasurgery/fullarticle/2736337>

Columbia Nursing Study Finds Link Between Healthcare Associated Infections and Nurse Understaffing

Columbia School of Nursing News Release: "Patients on units with both shifts understaffed with RNs were 15 percent more likely to develop HAIs on or after the third day of exposure to these periods of understaffing than were patients in units with both day and night shifts adequately staffed." <https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pubmed/31008835>

Health Watch USA Oct. 17, 2019 Conference



Public Health in Crisis MDRO Epidemics & FDA Oversight Health Watch USAsm Patient Safety Conference Oct 17, 2019 in Lexington Kentucky

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

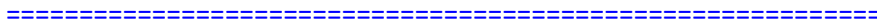


- 1) Author & Epidemiologists: Ralph R. Frerichs, D.V.M., Dr.P.H. Ralph R. Frerichs Truth, Lies and the Greater Good — Cholera's Unexpected Arrival in Haiti;
- 2) Past Surgeon General, Dr. Joycelyn Elders; Importance of School Health and Vaccinations;
- 3) USA Today Reporter, Jayne O'Donnell & Kaiser Healthcare News Reporter, Laura Ungar: The Patient Safety Story: Lessons from Two Reporters in the Trenches;
- 4) FDA Expert Panel Chair: Raeford Brown, MD: FDA and Opioid Recommendations: Resistant bacteria: Risks of antibiotic use in livestock and non-prescription antibiotics;
- 5) FACT Food Safety Director and Senior Analyst for Keep Antibiotics Working, Steve Roach.

Registration is now open for the 2019 HW USA Patient Safety

Conference: <http://www.healthconference.org/healthconference.org-files/payment.htm>

Download Brochure: http://www.healthconference.org/healthconference.org-files/2019Conference_downloads/Brochure.pdf



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