

## Keynote Speakers

**Karen L. Posner, PhD.** Laura Cheney Professor in Anesthesia Patient Safety. Presenting on: The Closed Claims Project  
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**Jim Bailey, MD, MPH.** *The End of Healing and the Path to Better Healthcare.*  
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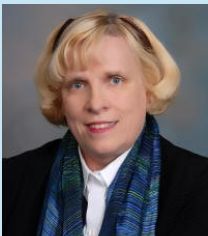
**Lars Aanning, MD.** Video Documentation in the Surgical Suite.  
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**Mark Davis, MD.** Safer Surgical Instrumentation and Protection for Surgeons and Patients  
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**Karen D. Meyers, MBA/JD, MEd.** Involving Patients and Families In Quality Initiatives-Improving Outcomes under The Affordable Care Act.  
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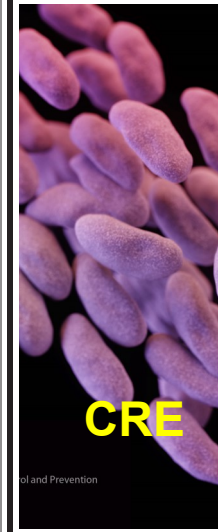
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Consumer Reports

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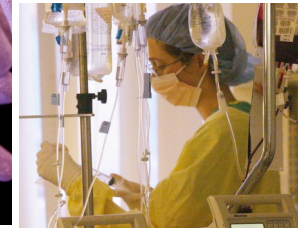
## Patient Safety



Medical  
Devices



Quality =  
Nurses / Patients



Control and Prevention

Kentucky ranks 42<sup>nd</sup> in a country with below average health care for industrialized nations. (Commonwealth Fund 2014 State Healthcare Scorecard)



November 4, 2016  
Four-Points Sheraton, Lexington, KY

## Conference Objectives

- To describe the impact and magnitude of the problem of adverse events.
- To develop an appreciation of the importance of a culture of safety and the investment in patient safety in the prevention of adverse events.
- To identify problems in research integrity and conflicts-of-interest which hampers initiatives to prevent adverse events.
- To describe the importance of nursing in the prevention of adverse events.
- To be able discuss medical device patient safety problems.

## Conference Registration

Registration desk opens at 7:15 am. Conference starts at 8:30 am and ends at 5:00 pm.

**Continuing Education:** 6.25 hours of continuing education credits will be provided for Physicians (AMA Category I), Physician Assistants, Nurse Practitioners, Nurses, Occupational Therapists, and Physical Therapists.

**Accrediting Organizations:** Southern Kentucky AHEC. Check [www.healthconference.org](http://www.healthconference.org) for updates on Continuing Education Credits.

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## Conference Topics

### Preventable Adverse Events (AEs)

1. How often do they occur.
2. Are there risk factors to predict AEs?
3. Impact of research misconduct on the inhibiting strategies to prevent AEs.
4. Factors which inhibit the adoption of safe surgical practices.
5. Do surgeries need recording devices similar to airplanes?
6. Involving Patients and Families in Quality Initiatives

### Medical Devices & Healthcare Infections

1. Risks of Metal Hip Implants.
2. Resistant Bacteria reporting in Kentucky

### Stories of Patient Advocates

1. The Importance of Nursing in Preventing Adverse Events.
2. MRSA & Healthcare Infections—a continuing risk to patients.

### Full Disclosure of Adverse Events.

1. The first step in patient healing and AE prevention.

### Overuse of Healthcare.

Due to unforeseen circumstances, speakers, topics and times may change without notice.

### To register go to:

[www.healthconference.org](http://www.healthconference.org)

or contact the conference coordinator, Cathy Kavanagh, at 606-425-7278.



**Registration Fee (non-refundable but transferable):** Conference Attendance: \$48 including box lunch and Continuing Education Credits.

**M. Joycelyn Elders, MD.**  
Past U.S. Surgeon General.  
Presenting on the epidemic of adverse events in the U.S. Healthcare System.



**Deena Sowa McCollum, RN.**  
*Presenting on the importance of nursing to patient safety*



**Andrea Flinchum, MPH, BSN.**  
Kentucky Healthcare Associated Infection Reporting and Prevention

**Daniel Saman, DrPH, MPH, CPH.**  
Patient Safety Advocate, Health Watch USA, Epidemiologist.

**Said Abusalem, PhD, RN.** The importance of nursing in the prevention of adverse events.

**Stephen Tower, MD.**  
Medical Device Safety Advocate and Health Watch USA Board Member.

**Steve Kraman, MD.**  
Patient Advocate & Health Watch USA Board Member.  
Full Disclosure the AHRQ.CANDOR Process & Toolkit

## Exhibitors—More to Come !!

- Consumer Union
- Kentucky Vision Project
- Failed Implant Device Association
- University of Kentucky Medical Center Library
- Kentucky Association for Healthcare Quality