

Patient Safety, Risk, and Quality Update

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News

Great Scots: Nationwide Implementation of Surgical Safety Checklists in Scotland Leads to Decrease in Mortality

A nationwide push to implement the World Health Organization's (WHO) Surgical Safety Checklist in Scotland has led to a significant decrease in mortality rates related to surgery, according to an April 16, 2019, article in the *British Journal of Surgery*.

[Read the full summary.](#)

A Drug-Resistant Fungus Is "Quietly Spreading across the Globe"

Almost 600 cases of infection with *Candida auris*, a deadly multidrug-resistant fungus, have been confirmed in the United States, the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) said on March 29, 2019.

[Read the full summary.](#)

"An Epidemic": NPR Looks at Rising Incidence of Violence against Healthcare Workers

Violence against healthcare workers has become "an epidemic," according to a hospital executive quoted in an April 8, 2019, article from NPR. The executive's hospital has implemented safety measures such as incorporating panic buttons into identification badges.

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The Camera Was Supposed to Catch a Medication Thief—Instead It Filmed Dozens of Patients without Permission

A California hospital is facing a lawsuit after dozens of women were filmed during childbirth and surgery by motion-activated cameras, which the hospital says were set up to catch a possible medication thief, according to an April 2, 2019, article in the *New York Times*.

[Read the full summary.](#)

Women Who Work Night Shifts Are at Increased Risk for Miscarriage

Women who are eight or more weeks pregnant and worked two or more night shifts during the previous week have a 32% increased risk of miscarriage compared with women who do not work nights, according to a March 25, 2019, study in *Occupational & Environmental Medicine*.

[Read the full summary.](#)

Could a New Kind of ED Be Key to Treating Behavioural Health Patients?

Hospitals are creating specialized psychiatric emergency departments (EDs) designed to stabilise and treat the increasing number of behavioural health patients who present in EDs, according to a March 25, 2019, article from *Kaiser Health News*.

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Four Ways to Reduce Risk of a Pediatric Malpractice Claim

Ensuring that detailed documentation is kept, implementing evidence-based guidelines, calling a specialist whenever necessary, and practicing open and honest communication with families are four ways that pediatric providers can avoid being sued, according to a March 26, 2019, article in *Contemporary Pediatrics*.

[Read the full summary.](#)