

Patient Safety, Risk, and Quality Update

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The following news and guidance were recently made available without login from ECRI Institute's *Healthcare Risk Control* and related services. If you have any questions, please email Ajay Aggarwal at Ajay.Aggarwal@awac.com.

News

A Multiple Birth by Any Other Name: Newborn Naming Conventions and Patient ID

Naming conventions for newborn twins and other multiples are the subject of a report from the Institute for Safe Medication Practices (ISMP) exploring associated patient identification (ID) risks.

[Read the full summary.](#)

Clinicians Are Less Likely to Order a Cancer Screening Later in the Work Day

Clinicians order cancer screenings at a lower rate as the day progresses, according to a May 10, 2019, investigation in *JAMA Network Open*. The study of 33 primary care practices found that the downward trend of test ordering progressed particularly toward the end of the morning and afternoon shifts.

[Read the full summary.](#)

Does Type of Surgical Headgear Matter When It Comes to Reducing Surgical Site Infections?

No scientific evidence demonstrates an association between the type of surgical headgear worn by personnel in the operating room (OR), or the extent of their hair and ear coverage, and surgical site infection rates, concluded a collaborative convened by the American College of Surgeons (ACS) on proper OR attire guidelines.

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Staffing Levels Affect a Patient's Risk of Developing a Healthcare-Associated Infection, Study Says

Understaffing is associated with an increased risk of healthcare-associated infections (HAIs), according to a study published in the May 2019 issue of *JONA: The Journal of Nursing Administration*.

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Safety Precautions Needed for Robot-Assisted Surgery

Hospitals and surgeons should take steps to ensure the safety of patients undergoing robot-assisted surgery until evidence for or against its use becomes more robust, say the authors of an April 30, 2019, viewpoint in *JAMA*.

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Another Look at the Reasons behind the U.S. Maternity Care Crisis

Obstetric care teams at hospitals in many cases do not have the expertise to treat the complexities and challenges related to maternal morbidity, according to a commentary in the May 2019 issue of *Anesthesia & Analgesia*.

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