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News

Inducing Labor at 41 Weeks May Reduce Perinatal Mortality, Morbidity

Among women with a low-risk pregnancy, inducing labour at 41 weeks significantly reduced perinatal mortality compared with expectant management followed by induction at 42 weeks, according to a study published November 20, 2019, in the *BMJ*.

[Read the full summary.](#)

Deck the Halls without Sacrificing Safety

Gift wrapping on fire doors, decorations hanging from sprinkler systems, and lights attached with frayed wires are a few of the holiday hazards hospitals must avoid, says a new video from the American Society for Health Care Engineering (ASHE).

[Read the full summary.](#)

Study Suggests Emergency Departments Are Becoming Safer

Adjusted 30-day mortality rates showed a 23% relative decrease among Medicare beneficiaries who visited an emergency department (ED) between 2009 and 2016, says a November 4, 2019, study published in *JAMA Internal Medicine*.

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"Immune Amnesia": Another Reason to Promote Vaccination

The measles virus leaves the immune system weakened after the infection itself has resolved, in part because it kills antibodies, creating an "immune amnesia" meaning the body is susceptible to the same infections it already fought off, according to a November 2019 study in *Science*.

[Read the full summary.](#)

Ransomware Attack at New York Hospital Leaves Some Patients' Information Lost Forever

A New York City hospital suffered permanent loss of some patients' information and exposed other patients' data after a ransomware attack, according to a November 6, 2019, article from *FierceHealthcare*.

[Read the full summary.](#)

Antibiotic-Resistant Infections Still Kill More than 35,000 People Each Year, Says CDC

More than 2.8 million antibiotic-resistant infections occur in the United States each year, causing more than 35,000 deaths, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) says in a new report, *Antibiotic Resistance Threats in the United States 2019*.

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The Ventilator That Cried Wolf: Washington Post Goes Deep on Alarm Fatigue

Clinical alarms are creating "a riot of disturbances for patients trying to heal and get some rest," according to a November 24, 2019, article in the *Washington Post*.

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