

# 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](mailto:Ajay.Aggarwal@awac.com).

## News

### **What Factors Are Associated with Receiving An Antibiotic without Indication?**

Around 25% of antibiotic prescriptions written in ambulatory care settings in 2015 were inappropriate, and 18% had no documented indication, according to a December 11, 2019, study in the *BMJ*.

[Read the full summary.](#)

### **Predictive Modeling Can Make Sense of Medical Liability Data to Show Organisations Their Weak Spots**

Using predictive modeling to make sense of data on medical professional liability claims can help pinpoint how to mitigate risks and control costs, say the authors of *Bringing Predictive Modeling to the DSP: An Investigation of Claim Severity* published in the third quarter 2019 issue of *Inside Medical Liability*.

[Read the full summary.](#)

### **Another Reason to Promote Physician Well-being: Displaying Symptoms of Depression Linked to Medical Errors**

An association exists between physicians displaying symptoms of depression and rate of medical errors, according to a November 27, 2019, study published in *JAMA Network Open*.

[Read the full summary.](#)

### **Wrong-Site Events, Unintentionally-Retained Foreign Objects Are Top Sentinel Events for Ambulatory Care**

Seven percent of all sentinel events reported to the Joint Commission between 2005 and the first half of 2019 came from ambulatory care or ambulatory surgery centers, says a November 25, 2019, blog post from the Joint Commission.

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### **Doctors Told NHL Player He Had Catastrophic Injury, It Was Actually Pro Basketball Player with Same Name**

Tyler Ennis, a professional hockey player who played for the Toronto Maple Leafs, received a call in 2018 from doctors informing him that his ankle had been displaced after he was hit with a hockey puck. Ennis had earlier been told the injury was not catastrophic. When staff reexamined the image, they found it was actually the ankle of a professional athlete from Turkey.

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### **What Are the Top Risks for Radiology Malpractice Claims?**

In diagnostic radiology, the three most common reasons for malpractice claims between 2013 and 2018 were diagnosis related, improper inspection/maintenance, and improper performance of treatment or procedure, making up 85% of claims, according to a December 2019 study from the Doctors Company.

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