

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

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*.

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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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