

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.

COVID-19 Resource Center

ECRI has made all of our resources related to combating the global COVID-19 pandemic available without login. Updated multiple times each day, the [COVID-19 Resource Center](#) includes resource related to providing clinical care, maintaining the supply chain, and aging services organizations.

Recent updates include the following:

- [ECRI Lab Series Tour: Strategies to Mitigate Ventilator Shortages](#)
- [Critical Care and Emergency Care Treatment Room Equipment List](#)
- [Personal Protective Equipment \(PPE\) Supply Equivalents](#)
- [White Paper: Emergency Preparedness and Response in Aging Services](#)
- [Coronavirus Disease 2019 \(COVID-19\) Preparedness Checklist for Nursing Homes and other Long-Term Care Settings](#)

News

Letter to *New England Journal of Medicine* Examines How Children in Wuhan Fared after COVID-19 Infection

A study of 171 children confirmed to have COVID-19 in Wuhan, China, revealed that children appear to have a "milder clinical course" compared with infected adults and that "asymptomatic infections were not uncommon," according to a March 18, 2020, research letter in the *New England Journal of Medicine*.

[Read the full summary.](#)

Could COVID-19 Lead to Malpractice Liability Claims?

Healthcare providers and facilities should expect medical professional liability claims both directly and indirectly related to the COVID-19 pandemic, according to a March 17, 2020, article from Milliman, an actuarial and consulting firm.

[Read the full summary.](#)

Model May Help Hospitals Understand How Many COVID-19 Patients They May Receive

A model that may help hospitals know what to expect in the coming weeks with regard to COVID-19 is featured in a March 16, 2020, article from *STAT News*.

[Read the full summary.](#)

Diagnostic Errors, Sepsis Recognition, and More: AHRQ Releases Best Practices for Patient Safety

The Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality (AHRQ) has released Making Healthcare Safer III, consolidating evidence on nearly 50 best practices to help healthcare organizations improve patient safety.

[Read the full summary.](#)

Does the Evidence Support One-to-One Sitters for Patients at High Risk of Falling?

Evidence is scant that adding one-to-one bedside sitters for patients at high risk for falls reduces falls more than usual care, according to a March 3, 2020, review in the *Annals of Internal Medicine*.

[Read the full summary.](#)

Angry Encounters with Patients Can Hinder Clinical Decision Making

Clinical decision-making and patient safety may be impacted by a provider's emotional state, according to a recent study in *BMJ Quality and Safety*.

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