

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

Six Principles for Reintroducing Healthcare Services

Offering clear messaging to the public that stresses the need to seek medical help for serious conditions, providing the option to seek remote or virtual care when appropriate, and utilizing a shared decision-making process to offer alternative care management options when practical: these are among the principles for reintroducing healthcare services proposed by the United Kingdom's Academy of Medical Royal Colleges in a May 2020 report.

[Read the full summary.](#)

Study Says Maternity Patients in New York Tested Positive for COVID-19 Even after Negative Prescreening

More than 15% of asymptomatic maternity patients tested positive for COVID-19 even after being screened negative by a telephone screening tool, according to a study of 155 patients in New York published May 19, 2020, study in *Obstetrics and Gynecology*.

[Read the full summary.](#)

Inevitable, but Still Worth Looking At: New York Times Looks at Medical Errors and COVID-19

While there is "no doubt that what went right in the hospital was far greater than what went wrong," it is important to look at medical errors that have occurred during COVID-19, writes a physician and professor in a May 22, 2020, *New York Times* article.

[Read the full summary.](#)

ICU Fires Prompt Ventilator Safety Investigations in Russia

Russian health officials are investigating ventilator safety at two hospitals after fires in intensive care units (ICUs) led to the deaths of six people over four days, according to a May 12, 2020, story from the Associated Press.

[Read the full summary.](#)

"How Are You Doing?": Caring for the Second Victims of COVID-19

Second victim syndrome, the emotional trauma experienced by a healthcare provider after an adverse event, may "come into play like never before" in the months following the COVID-19 pandemic, Joint Commission says in a May 8, 2020, blog post.

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A Checklist to Ensure Your Physician Practice is Ready to Reopen

Comply with governmental guidance, make a preopening plan, open incrementally, institute safety measures for patients, and implement a tele-triage program are among the recommendations issued by the American Medical Association (AMA) in its new resource, COVID-19: A Physician Practice Guide to Reopening.

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COVID-19 Presents Particular Challenge for Rural America

Early cases of COVID-19 were primarily reported in urban areas, but there is increased concern about what the pandemic will do in rural America, according to an April 30, 2020, report from the Kaiser Family Foundation.

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Sample Telehealth Consent Form and Guidance Available from AHRQ

The Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality (AHRQ) has released guidance and sample forms for obtaining patient consent during telehealth visits.

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