

# 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

### Another Reason to Get a Flu Shot: Cardiovascular Events

Nearly 12% of adults hospitalized for influenza suffer an acute cardiovascular event, almost one-third of these patients are admitted to the intensive-care unit (ICU), and 7% of those admitted to the ICU die during hospitalization, according to an August 25, 2020, study in the *Annals of Internal Medicine*.

[Read the full summary.](#)

### A Scalable Model of Person-Centered Care

The Gothenburg framework, a model of person-centered care that has been studied in Sweden for the past decade, is an example of "a complex intervention co-produced with patients that has been trialed and implemented on a national scale," say the authors of a September 1, 2020, analysis in the *BMJ*.

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### Transgender Individuals Likelier to Suffer Chronic Health Problems, Study Finds

Rates of chronic disease are high among transgender individuals, according to an August 28, 2020, study in *JAMA Network Open*.

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### Time to Shine a Light on Physician Suicide, Says American Hospital Association

The suicide rate among physicians is 44% higher than the general population, a statistic that may only increase as the coronavirus disease 19 (COVID-19) pandemic exhausts healthcare workers "both physically and mentally," according to a September 17, 2020, blog post from the American Hospital Association.

[Read the full summary.](#)

### **COVID and Non-COVID Patients Not Separated in Many Facilities, Report Says**

Patients with coronavirus-19 (COVID-19) have been commingled with uninfected patients in many healthcare facilities, according to a September 10, 2020, *Kaiser Health News* article.

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### **Does EHR Use Above "Meaningful Use" Thresholds Improve Safety and Quality?**

Electronic health record (EHR) implementation above "meaningful use" performance measures had mixed associations with patient satisfaction, spending, and safety, according to researchers writing in the September 9, 2020, *JAMA Network Open*.

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### **"Spring Forward, Fall Back": Do Daylight Saving Time Changes Increase Medical Errors?**

Researchers found increased patient-safety-related incidents following the transition into daylight saving time, according to an August 12, 2020, study in the *Journal of General Internal Medicine*.

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