



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

Flu Shots Reduced Pediatric Hospitalizations and ED Visits in 2018-2019

Influenza vaccination reduced pediatric emergency department visits and hospitalizations by 40% to 60% during the 2018-2019 flu season, according to an October 6, 2020, study in *Pediatrics*.

[Read the full summary.](#)

How Often Are You Cleaning Your Cell Phone?

Healthcare providers should be cleaning, rather than simply wiping, their cell phones daily, say the authors of an October 7, 2020, blog post from Joint Commission.

[Read the full summary.](#)

Interactive Telemedicine Training Helps Providers Optimize Visits and Stay Compliant

With telemedicine, risk can arise involving licensure issues, varying requirements for informed consent, privacy and confidentiality laws, limitations in provider ability to prescribe controlled substances via telemedicine, and more, according to Neel Naik, MD, speaking October 12 at the ASHRM 2020 annual conference.

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