



Patient Safety, Risk, and Quality Update

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The following news and guidance were recently made available without login from ECRI's Health System Risk Management and related services. If you have any questions, please email Ajay Aggarwal at Ajay.Aggarwal@awac.com.

Lessons of COVID-19: Three Actions for a More Resilient Supply Chain

The challenges faced by supply chain professionals during the COVID-19 pandemic included shortages of critical PPE supplies, overreliance on supplies from China, and purchases from non-traditional international suppliers creating uncertainty about safety during an unprecedented health crisis.

Healthcare supply chain leaders now have the opportunity to apply the lessons learned during COVID-19 to improve the resilience of their supply chains and to serve as leaders in fueling greater resilience throughout their organizations.

Get your complimentary copy of the [Lessons of COVID-19: Three Actions for a More Resilient Supply Chain](#) and apply the learnings of COVID-19 to strengthen your healthcare supply chain and prepare for the future.

News

How Can Flu Vaccine-Related Errors Prepare Us for Future COVID-19 Vaccination Campaigns?

Healthcare organisations can prepare for future COVID-19 vaccination campaigns by learning from flu vaccine-related errors, which have increased as consumers have received the flu vaccination in record numbers, says the November 19, 2020 Medication Safety Alert! from the Institute for Safe Medication Practices (ISMP).

[Read the full summary.](#)

COVID Risks: Essential Workers, Their Families, and Household Members

At least 49.7% of U.S. adults, or 123.2 million people, are at increased risk of severe illness if they contract coronavirus disease (COVID-19), say the authors of a November 9, 2020, *JAMA Internal Medicine* study.

[Read the full summary.](#)

Communication Gaps between Patients and Anesthesiologists Affect Post-surgery Care

A literature review of patient communications with anesthesiologists suggests that little information is gathered perioperatively regarding complications that could occur after surgery, according to a November 12 article in *JAMA Network Open*.

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More Nurses Have Died Worldwide from COVID than Died in the First World War

At least 1,500 nurses worldwide have died from the coronavirus (COVID-19), the International Council of Nurses announced in an October 28, 2020, news release.

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Opioid Use among Pregnant Women on the Rise, Affecting Mothers and Babies

A disproportionate number of pregnant women living in rural areas are affected by opioid use resulting in opioid withdrawal syndrome among their babies, noted a study published in the November issue of *Pediatrics*.

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Multiple Reasons Cited for Decline in Non-COVID-Related Hospitalizations

A decrease in hospitalizations for non-COVID patients was multifaceted and included patient avoidance for fear of contracting the disease, according to a *JAMA Internal Medicine* research letter published October 26, 2020.

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What Do Nurses Think about a COVID-19 Vaccine?

Three of 10 nurses say they are "not knowledgeable" about coronavirus disease (COVID-19) vaccine development, according to a survey of 12,939 nurses conducted by the American Nurses Foundation during the first two weeks of October 2020.

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