

# 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

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## News

### **Can Hospital Leaders' Management Practices Affect Healthcare-Associated Infections?**

Engagement of executive leadership, information sharing, and manager coaching were all characterized as important management practices that support the prevention of healthcare-associated infections (HAIs), says a study in the May 2021 issue of the *American Journal of Infection Control*.

**[Read the full summary.](#)**

### **Sepsis Cases Not Properly Identified with Widely Used Prediction Model, Study Says**

A sepsis prediction model available with a proprietary electronic health record (EHR) does not adequately identify patients with sepsis in two-thirds of cases and does not reflect "real-world performance," according to a study published June 21, 2021, in *JAMA Internal Medicine*.

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### **White Paper: Almost a Quarter of COVID-19 Patients Have at Least One Post-COVID Condition**

Pain, breathing difficulties, hyperlipidemia, malaise and fatigue, and hypertension are the most common post-COVID-19 conditions, though their incidence varies by age and gender, according to a June 15, 2021, FAIR Health white paper.

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### **U.K. Healthcare Safety Board Issues Report on Ensuring Correct Outpatient Receives Correct Procedure**

An improved system of safety measures is needed to ensure patients in the U.K. do not receive the wrong invasive outpatient procedures, according to a June 3, 2021, report from the country's Healthcare Safety Investigation Board (HSIB).

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### **Hospital-at-Home Interventions May Be as Good as In-Hospital for Patients with Chronic Diseases after ED Visit, Study Says**

Patients with chronic disease who went to the emergency department (ED) and were treated with hospital-at-home interventions had a lower risk of hospital readmission and long-term care admission than those who received in-hospital care, says a June 8, 2021, study in *JAMA Network Open*.

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### **Consumers Rate Trust in Primary Care Physicians Higher than Health Systems**

Consumers trust their primary care physicians more than healthcare systems, according to a survey published May 21, 2021, by the American Board of Internal Medicine Foundation.

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### **Delaying Second Pfizer Vaccine Effective in Older Adults, Study Shows**

Antibody responses after the second dose of the COVID-19 Pfizer vaccine peaked when the shot was delayed from 3 weeks to 12 weeks, although cellular responses are lower, according to a UK study of adults over the age of 80 published May 17, 2021, in medRxiv.

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### **Over 70% of COVID-19 Patients Report Persistent Symptoms, Study Says**

COVID-19 symptoms commonly persist beyond the acute phase of infection, says a May 26, 2021, study in *JAMA Network Open*, and there are implications for health-associated functioning and quality of life.

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