

CRITICAL CARE UPDATE

CDC reports widespread flu activity across the US



(Joe Raedle/Getty Images)

The CDC reported that influenza was widespread in 49 states during the week ending Jan. 6, with flu hospitalizations nearly twice the level seen the previous week and seven additional pediatric deaths reported, bringing the season's total to 20. Hospitals in the New Orleans area report a shortage of critical care beds, mainly due to the flu.

[The Washington Post \(tiered subscription model\)](#) (1/12), [Reuters](#) (1/12), [WVUE-TV \(New Orleans\)](#) (1/12)



NV-HAP is hospital-wide problem, study says

Data from 21 US hospitals found 70.8% of patients with non-ventilator hospital-acquired pneumonia got the infection outside of an ICU, while 18.8% of patients required transfer to an ICU, researchers wrote in the American Journal of Infection Control. NV-HAP was found on every hospital unit and even affected younger, healthier patients.

[Physician's Briefing/HealthDay News](#) (1/12)



Group issues updated guidance on recommendations for contact precautions

The Society for Healthcare Epidemiology of America has released updated guidance regarding recommendations on contact precautions to prevent the transmission of multidrug-resistant infections such as methicillin-resistant Staphylococcus aureus and Clostridium difficile in hospitals. The recommendations, published in the journal Infection Control & Hospital Epidemiology, say clinicians should consider the amount of time elapsed since the last positive sample.

[Medscape \(free registration\)](#) (1/12)



Other News

- [Study evaluates delirium rate for pediatric cancer patients](#) Healio (free registration)/HemOnc Today (1/15)
- [Ill. hospital begins \\$9 million ICU expansion project](#) Herald & Review (Decatur, Ill.) (1/12)

MEDICINE IN THE NEWS

CDC: Asthma costs the US \$82B every year

Medical expenses, school and work absences, and deaths associated with asthma cost the US about \$82 billion a year, and the figure is probably higher when people with untreated asthma are included, according to a CDC study published in the *Annals of the American Thoracic Society*. Some 15.4 million people were treated for asthma annually from 2008 to 2013 at a cost of \$3,266 per patient, covering \$1,830 for prescriptions, \$640 for medical office visits, \$529 for inpatient care, \$176 for outpatient care at hospitals and \$105 for emergency department care.

[HealthDay News](#) (1/12)



TRENDS AND TECHNOLOGY

Health system shuts down computer network after cyberattack

Hancock Health in Greenfield, Ind., shut down its computer network after a hacker encrypted the system's data using ransomware. Hospital officials paid \$55,000 and said an analysis showed that no data was stolen.

[Greenfield Daily Reporter \(Ind.\)](#) (1/15), [Greenfield Daily Reporter \(Ind.\)](#) (1/13)



Texas medical center curbs unneeded testing, care with patient risk program

The THA Smart Ribbon program, developed by the Texas Hospital Association, provides physicians with real-time risk and cost data for patients, such as medications and lab results, via a ribbon image applied to a hospital's EMR system. The program allowed Baylor Scott & White Medical Center-Temple to reduce unnecessary care and testing, said Chief Medical Officer Dr. Stephen Sibbitt.

[Becker's Hospital Review](#) (1/11)



Other News

- **Mayo Clinic studies robotic "telestenting" procedure** [Twin Cities Business \(Minneapolis\)](#) (1/10)



The reasonable man adapts himself to the world: the unreasonable one persists in trying to adapt the world to himself. Therefore all progress depends on the unreasonable man.

George Bernard Shaw,
playwright



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Non-Ventilator Hospital-Acquired Pneumonia Risk Affects All Ages

Non-vent-associated HAP risk occurs in all hospital units; risk extends even to low-risk/younger patients



FRIDAY, Jan. 12, 2018 (HealthDay News) -- Non-ventilator hospital-acquired pneumonia (NV-HAP) is a significant burden in U.S. acute care hospitals and poses a risk to nonelderly, non-intensive unit (ICU) patients, according to research published in the January issue of the *American Journal of Infection Control*.

In an effort to determine the incidence and overall burden of NV-HAP, Dian Baker, Ph.D., R.N., from California State University in Sacramento, and Barbara Quinn, R.N., from Sutter Medical Center in Sacramento, retrospectively reviewed the charts of NV-HAP cases at 21 U.S. hospitals and searched for 2014 *International Classification of Diseases, Ninth Revision, Clinical Modification* codes for pneumonia not present on admission.

Across the 21 hospitals, the researchers identified 1,300 patients with NV-HAP (rate, 0.12 to 2.28 per 1,000 patient days). The majority of NV-HAP infections (70.8 percent) were acquired outside of

ICUs, but 18.8 percent of cases required transfer into the ICU. Most of the cases did not have interventions aimed at pneumonia prevention in the 24 hours prior to diagnosis.

"We found that NV-HAP occurred on every hospital unit, including in younger, healthy patients. This indicates that although some patients are clearly at higher risk, all patients carry some NV-HAP risk," the authors write. "Therapeutic interventions aimed at NV-HAP prevention are frequently not provided for patients in acute care hospitals."

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