



Kentucky Hospital Research & Education Foundation Emergency Preparedness Update for April 18, 2018

April is National Child Abuse Prevention Month

(HHS Children's Bureau) This month and throughout the year, organizations and individuals are encouraged to play a role in making their community a better place for children and families. By ensuring that parents have the knowledge, skills, and resources they need to care for their children, we can help prevent child abuse and neglect by making meaningful connections with children, youth and families in our communities.

Research shows that protective factors are present in healthy families. Promoting these factors is among the most effective ways to reduce the risk of child abuse and neglect. They are:

- Nurturing and attachment
- Knowledge of parenting and of child and youth development
- Parental resilience
- Social connections
- Concrete supports for parents
- Social and emotional competence of children

More info and resources: <https://www.childwelfare.gov/topics/preventing/preventionmonth/>

May 6-12 National Hospital Week

(AHA) National Hospital Week celebrates hospitals, health systems, and the women and men who support the health and well-being of their communities through dedication and care from the heart. Celebrating National Hospital Week provides an opportunity to thank all of the dedicated individuals – physicians, nurses, therapists, engineers, food service workers, volunteers, administrators and so many more – for their contributions. [See the AHA's NHW website for more information and resources on the week.](#)

Hospital Preparedness Program:

Celebrating 15 Years of Health Care Preparedness and Response

(ASPR) Whether from devastating hurricanes, terrorist attacks, or deadly disease outbreaks, the United States regularly faces crises that threaten the health and safety of Americans. Saving lives during these events requires thorough planning and dedicated coordination to ensure the nation's health care system is ready when disaster strikes.

Health care readiness is at the heart of ASPR's [Hospital Preparedness Program](#) (HPP). As the only source of federal funding to prepare the nation's mostly private health care system to respond to emergencies, HPP has been supporting health care system readiness around the country for the past [15 years](#). Click [here](#) to learn more.

Texas nurse charged with murder allegedly injected air into patients' bloodstreams

(CBS) DALLAS - A [nurse who has been charged with murder](#) intentionally caused stroke-like injuries to seven patients at a Texas heart hospital, leading to the death of two and serious injuries to the others, according to an arrest warrant. A registered nurse, he was working a night shift when each patient suffered an emergency, according to the warrant, and authorities say in at least some cases he introduced air into their circulatory systems, leading to an air embolism.

Read more: <https://www.cbsnews.com/news/william-george-davis-texas-nurse-charged-with-murder-injected-air-into-patients-bloodstreams-warrant-alleges/>

[Tariffs could drive drug and medical device prices higher](#)

Generic drug manufacturers, which source most of their active ingredients from China and India, could be hit the hardest by President Donald Trump's proposed tariffs, experts said. [READ MORE](#)

[Emergency Department Culture Change Improves Care Quality, Efficiency, and Provider Retention: Here's How](#)

(Modern Healthcare) By establishing a strong ED culture, your team can thrive through challenge and change. [READ MORE](#)

FDA Issues Plan to Improve Medical Device Safety

(AHA Today for April 17) The Food and Drug Administration today released a plan to improve medical device safety. The plan calls for increased funding to develop an active surveillance capability for FDA's National Evaluation System for health Technology (NEST) and conduct post-market studies to evaluate specific safety concerns. The agency also will explore ways to streamline post-market safety mitigations; spur innovation towards safer medical devices; advance device cybersecurity; and integrate its activities to promote safety across the product lifecycle. With respect to cybersecurity, the agency plans to update premarket guidance to better protect against risks such as ransomware campaigns and vulnerabilities that could enable a remote multi-patient attack. It also will consider requiring firms to build into a product's design the ability to update and patch device security and provide a "software bill of materials" listing software embedded in a device, and developing a CyberMed Safety Analysis Board to serve as a resource to device makers and FDA. The agency is accepting comments on the plan at <https://www.regulations.gov>.

[DEA lifts production quotas to ease injectable opioid shortage](#)

(Modern Healthcare) The Drug Enforcement Agency has raised production quotas for injectable opioid manufacturers, but relief isn't expected until summer. [READ MORE](#)

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