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### TOP NEWS

#### Avoid an EHR-related malpractice lawsuit



Medical Economics

EHR-related malpractice woes are not a significant threat to practices, but the potential of a lawsuit still exists. A few years ago The Doctor's Company, a Napa, California-based medical malpractice insurance company, analyzed every claim in its database from 2007 to June 2014. Claims related to electronic health records (EHRs) were a factor in approximately 66 claims. [READ MORE](#)

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#### The benefit of RVUs to independent physicians



Medical Economic

The transition to value-based payments raises an important question: What role, if any, will relative value units (RVUs) play in physician reimbursement in the future? After all, aren't quality-based payment models designed to reward teamwork and care coordination rather than the efforts of any one individual? Care coordination is important, but it doesn't negate the need to measure objectively a physician's work effort and practice and malpractice expenses. [READ MORE](#)

## Healthgrades reveals best hospitals for 2018



Healthcare DIVE

Healthgrades released its America's 50 and 100 Best Hospitals for 2018, which the organization said represents the top 1 percent and 2 percent of U.S. hospitals. Healthgrades said the four characteristics evident in all of the top 100 hospitals are patient-centered care, evidence-based decision-making, a culture of collaboration and consumer and patient engagement. States with the most hospitals on the top 50 list included California, Illinois and Michigan. [READ MORE](#)

## Hospital Quality Institute, California Hospital Association and Patient Safety Movement Foundation form partnership to enhance patient safety data transparency



California Hospital Association

The Hospital Quality Institute (HQI), the California Hospital Association and the Patient Safety Movement Foundation (PSMF) have formed a partnership to accelerate the reduction of medical errors and eliminate preventable patient deaths in hospitals across the Golden State. The central focus of the partnership will be an innovative, publicly available digital dashboard that will provide timely hospital patient safety data to hospitals, clinicians and consumers alike. [READ MORE](#)

## Uber launches Uber Health, a B2B ride-hailing platform for healthcare



Tech Crunch

Uber's launching a new business line called Uber Health that will provide a ride-hailing platform available specifically to healthcare providers, letting clinics, hospitals, rehab centers and more easily assign rides for their patients and clients from a centralized dashboard — without requiring that the rider even have the Uber app or a smartphone. [READ MORE](#)

## Value-based care key to bipartisan healthcare system reform



Health Payer Intelligence

A group of five governors developed a bipartisan plan to reform the U.S. healthcare system by using value-based care strategies such as quality reporting, insurance stabilization policies and encouraging consumers to have a more proactive role in their healthcare. Govs. John Hickenlooper, D-Colorado, Jon Kasich, R-Ohio, Bill Walker, I-Arkansas, Tom Wolf, D-Pennsylvania, and Brian Sandoval, R-Nevada, contend that bipartisan support at the state level can create national healthcare changes that implement value-based care. [READ MORE](#)

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