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Ramon L. Jimenez, MD, receives American Academy of Orthopaedic Surgeons' highest leadership honor



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The American Academy of Orthopaedic Surgeons presented the 2018 William W. Tipton, Jr., M.D., Leadership Award to Ramon L. Jimenez, MD from Monterey, California at the Academy's 2018 Annual Meeting. With this award, Dr. Jimenez becomes the second person in the history of the Academy to win both the Tipton Leadership and the Diversity awards.

The Tipton Leadership Award recognizes Academy members who have demonstrated outstanding leadership qualities which have benefitted the orthopaedic community, patients and/or the American public. The award honors and celebrates the life, accomplishments and qualities of the late William W. Tipton, Jr., M.D., an orthopaedic surgeon, educator and former AAOS chief executive officer.

Dr. Jimenez knew at an early age that he wanted to be a leader and emulate the role models and mentors he encountered throughout his childhood, education and career. As a second-generation Mexican-American, his parents instilled in him the importance of working hard, receiving a good education and assimilating, while remaining true to his culture.

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No-frills micro hospitals with as few as 8 rooms emerge as a new way to cut healthcare costs



CNBC

Micro hospitals are emerging in some suburban and urban markets as a backup to community facilities — or in regions where there is not enough demand for full-sized hospitals. The facilities range from 15,000 to 60,000 square feet, substantially smaller than community hospitals and offer as few as eight beds. "We still have to be fully prepared to see and treat any patient that walks through our doors,"

Laura Hennem, a regional CEO of the Dignity Health St. Rose-Dominican Neighborhood Hospitals. [READ MORE](#)

FDA issues safety alert regarding drug products manufactured by Cantrell Drug Company



U.S. Food and Drug Administration

The U.S. Food and Drug Administration is alerting healthcare professionals and patients not to use drug products produced by Cantrell Drug Company of Little Rock, Arkansas, including opioids and other drugs intended for sterile injection. FDA investigators observed unsanitary conditions and violations of current Good Manufacturing Practice that could cause the company's drugs to become contaminated or made injurious to health. [READ MORE](#)

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POSNA reviews opioid prescribing practices in survey



Healio

With the overuse and misuse of opioid prescriptions prevalent among the pediatric and teenage population, the Pediatric Orthopaedics Society of North America conducted a survey in 2016 to better understand the prescribing practices of its members. Of the 264 members who responded to seven treatment scenarios with whether they would provide prescriptions for outpatient oral opioids, which opioids and for how long, results showed 75 percent of respondents noted making pain management decisions for their patients. [READ MORE](#)

CMS launches new initiatives to expand patient access to health data, plans 'complete overhaul' of Meaningful Use



FierceHealthcare

The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services announced several new initiatives designed to give patients unfiltered access to their health records and punish organizations that engage in data blocking. The agency also plans to roll out a "complete overhaul" of the Meaningful Use program for hospitals and the Advancing Care Information category of the Quality Payment Program, CMS Administrator Seema Verma told HIMSS18 attendees. Changes to the program will be included in proposed payment rules for physicians and hospitals released later this year. [READ MORE](#)

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UnitedHealth tightens reins on emergency department reimbursement



Modern Healthcare

The nation's largest health insurer, UnitedHealth Group, is following rival Anthem's footsteps with a new payment policy aimed at reducing its emergency department claims costs. Under the policy, rolled out nationwide March 1, UnitedHealth is reviewing and adjusting facility claims for the most severe and costly ED visits for patients enrolled in the company's commercial and Medicare Advantage plans. [READ MORE](#)

Analysis projects: California health insurance premiums could soar



San Francisco Chronicle

Across the country, people who buy health insurance on exchanges could see their premiums rise between 12 and 32 percent in 2019,

according to an analysis recently released by Covered California, the state exchange that sells insurance to 1.2 million residents who don't receive health coverage through their employers. [READ MORE](#)

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