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HealthManagement.org's Most Clicked Stories

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Will HIT Cure Healthcare?

A chief architect of the Affordable Care Act (ACA) is sceptical that HIT is going to play the all-encompassing role in healthcare that Silicon Valley envisions. In a report in KQED, a media outlet in Northern California, Ezekiel Emanuel, M.D., senior fellow for the Center for American Progress and a University of Pennsylvania Professor said that tech will be in the passenger rather than the driving seat. See more at: <https://iii.hm/829>

Survey: Widening IT Divide in Healthcare

Despite the proliferation of high-tech medical gadgets and systems, a new U.S.-wide survey finds the digital divide is growing wider. Notably over the last 12 months patient adoption of healthcare technology dropped -- amid data hacking fears and a perceived lack of privacy protection by healthcare providers, according to the study by Black Box. See more at: <https://iii.hm/7rv>

C-suite: Key Challenges in Coming Year

Healthcare executives say staffing shortages and rising prescription drug costs are among the leading challenges they have to contend with in 2017, according to a new survey by Premiere Inc. Another major concern is "interoperability", with nearly 60 percent of those surveyed saying their organisations are unable to access ambulatory data from their affiliated (non-employed) physician network. See more at: <https://iii.hm/876>

Improves Prostate Cancer Detection, Avoids Unneeded Biopsy

An MRI scan given to men with suspected prostate cancer can help reduce rates of unnecessary biopsy by 27 percent and over-diagnosis by 5 percent, says a new study appearing in The Lancet. It's common for men to undergo a biopsy of their prostate if they experience symptoms of prostate cancer or have a prostate specific antigen (PSA) test showing high levels of the PSA protein in their blood. See more at: <https://iii.hm/7xx>

Patients' Rude Behaviour Linked to Poor Care

Rude behaviour of patients and their relatives can have negative effects on the performance of medical teams resulting in poor care, according to a study by University of Florida researchers. While much has been written about the need to put an end to some doctors' rude and bullying behaviour, the new study shows the need for patients and families to also control their behaviour. See more: <https://iii.hm/877>

Key Reasons for Repeated CT in Trauma Transfers

Trauma patients often undergo repeated CT scans when being initially examined in another hospital and then are being transferred to a trauma centre, according to a Swiss study published in European Journal of Radiology. Problems with the CT image data transfer were identified as the main reason for CT repetition. See more at: <https://iii.hm/7xw>

Stem Cells Used to Regenerate the Heart's External Layer

Penn State researchers have developed a process using human stem cells to generate the cells that cover the external layer of a human heart (epicardium cells), according to a study published in the journal Nature Biomedical Engineering. This method of generating epicardium cells could be useful in clinical applications, for patients who suffer a heart attack. See more at: <https://iii.hm/7w7>

Over 50% of AF Patients Become Asymptomatic After Ablation

More than half of patients with atrial fibrillation (AF) become asymptomatic after catheter ablation, according to the largest study of the procedure published in European Heart Journal. The article details the in-hospital and one-year outcomes and management of 3,630 AF patients treated with catheter ablation in Europe, the Middle East and North Africa. See more at: <https://iii.hm/7yZ>

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