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Risk & Danger



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Without risk there is no progress or development. But risk, as with any professional action, needs to be identified and managed if its potential is to be harnessed optimally. A strong position on risk management is essential in today's rapidly-changing healthcare world to avoid danger; danger in cyber security, danger in staff care and, critically, danger in patient outcomes. In this issue of Healthmanagement.org, these questions are put under the microscope alongside questions on how risk impacts on treatment, the risk of exposing unethical healthcare practices and improving risk literacy to mitigate risk in management and performance in the sector. In addition, a number of the latest risks, guidelines and recommendations within imaging and cardiology are outlined. The issue opens with Professor Paul Sidhu detailing his plans as he takes the helm at the European Federation of Societies for Ultrasound in Medicine and Biology (EFSUMB), while Professor Gábor Forrai of European Society of Breast Imaging (EUSOBI) gives important details about the latest recommendations for women in mammography.

Risk Management Advocate, Alexandra Freeman of the Winton Centre for Risk & Evidence Communication, asks how clinicians can fine tune their knowledge of effects of particular medical treatments – reducing risk in patient outcomes. Harding Center for Risk Literacy Research Scientist, Mirjam Jenny, explains how the organisation helps healthcare clinicians and managers make more informed decisions for care, while details of how healthcare can face up to effective risk management is described in an exciting new venture by Patrick Keady of the Institute of Risk Management. Privacy and security legal experts, Sharon Klein and Joseph Guagliardo, examine how Blockchain technology, while touted as a protector of patient data, could face challenges from regulatory bodies presenting a risk to its implementation. Sharmila Chowdhury writes about her experience as a whistleblower in radiology consultancy, a decision that cost her job but gave her the impetus, as a campaigner, to expose detrimental risk in the field. ECRI Institute gives details on how to protect systems from ransomware attacks and the steps to take should such an attack take place.

Colin Wright, Framework Development Manager at Skills for Health, provides guidance and key points for best practice when implementing person-centred Core Skills. Director of Continuous Improvement Daphne Leger speaks about how human-centred design improves patient experience.

Finally, a recent report issued by the Point of Care Foundation outlines some of the pressures that British healthcare workers endure and what must be done to overcome these. In addition to risk and its management, we share the latest innovations and news in healthcare across the spectrum of Imaging, Health Information Technology, Cardiology and Management in Winning Practices.

As always, we hope you enjoy this issue of HealthManagement.org.

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