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Weekly Situational Awareness Brief

Awareness Topics

Emergency medicine experts separate ‘myth’ from reality in ED boarding

“There’s a longstanding notion in healthcare that patients with low-acuity conditions are a key driver of overcrowding and boarding in emergency departments — one that emergency medicine experts describe as a misconception that distracts from real solutions.”

Emergency Department Triage Accuracy and Delays in Care for High-Risk Conditions

“Emergency department (ED) triage may impact timeliness of care for high-risk conditions.”

Microsoft Accounts Go Passwordless by Default

“Microsoft is prioritizing passwordless sign-in and sign-up methods, and is making new accounts passwordless by default.”

Weekly US Influenza Surveillance Report: Key Updates for Week 17, ending April 26, 2025

"A total of 216 influenza-associated pediatric deaths occurring during the 2024-2025 season have been reported to CDC. This number of pediatric deaths exceeds the previous high reported for a regular (non-pandemic) flu season. The previous high of 207 deaths was reported during the 2023-2024 flu season."

'Landmark study' led by UNLV shows new path to treat, prevent autism

"A UNLV-led study has discovered a new molecular path that leads to autism, potentially opening the way for more intervention in the future."

Measles Cases and Outbreaks

"There have been 12 outbreaks (defined as 3 or more related cases) reported in 2025, and 93% of confirmed cases (869 of 935) are outbreak-associated."

What Parents Need to Know About Health Insurance for Their Children

"Medicaid and CHIP are important insurance programs because they help children get necessary medical care, especially if they have chronic illnesses. Without these programs, many families would not be able to pay for regular checkups and needed treatments. Parents should not have to choose between their child's health and other basic needs, like food or shelter."

A Holistic Strategy for Responders' Well-Being

"First responders and emergency managers work under variable conditions where stress is a common, relentless constant. The demands of their roles—facing trauma, long hours, and high-stakes decision-making—create a perfect storm for chronic stress, leading to alarming rates of unhealthy mechanics and health consequences that include higher rates of cardiovascular disease, chronic diseases, mental health issues, and substance abuse. Additionally, they face a stark contradiction: their ability to care for others hinges on their capacity to care for themselves."

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May 15, 2025 - Naloxone Administration

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