

Curriculum Vitae - Kevin Kavanagh, MD, MS

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Kevin Kavanagh retired from medical practice over ten years ago from long-standing severe arthritis which was treated with multiple operations and the placement of Bone Morphogenetic Protein in his neck which cause long-term symptoms. Recently, he has undergone surgical treatment from prostate cancer, a treatment which was successful, but delayed due to the medical center being overwhelmed with COVID-19 patients. Dr. Kavanagh is currently Board Chairman of Health Watch USAsm, a Kentucky based patient advocacy and research organization. Health Watch USASM is a member of the National Quality Forum and has been designated as a “Community Leader” for Value-Driven Healthcare by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. Dr. Kavanagh is an Associate Editor for the Journal of Patient Safety. On Aug. 20, 2014, Dr. Kavanagh became a CDC & ATSDR Honor Award Nominee. He has served on the 2014, 2015, 2017 and 2018 Centers for Medicaid and Medicare Services’ (CMS) Hospital-Acquired Condition (HAC) Reduction Program Technical Expert Panel, along with on the AHRQ Standing Working Group for Quality Indicators for 2016 to 2017. Currently, he serves on the AHRQ for Health Care Effectiveness and Outcomes Research (HEOR) Study Section, on the CMS Hospital Harm Technical Expert Panel, and is a member of the National Quality Forum’s, Consensus Standards Approval Committee. He has published 30 peer reviewed manuscripts on healthcare policy and/or healthcare associated infections. In addition, he has published letters in peer reviewed journals including the Journal of the American Medical Association and New England of Medicine. Dr. Kavanagh is also a frequent contributor to the Lexington Herald Leader and Courier Journal regarding Healthcare Issues and has been a weekly guest on the Jack Pattie Radio Show, discussing COVID-19 health policy issues for over 2 years.

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Graduate/Medical School:

1. University of Nevada at Reno, Reno, Nevada, 1974 – 1976.
2. University of New York at Buffalo, New York, 1976 - 1978, Awarded MD.

3. University of Iowa, Iowa City, Iowa, 1979 - 1983, Awarded MS.

Internship: General Surgery, Gundersen Clinic, LaCrosse, Wisconsin 1978-1979.

Residency: Department of Otolaryngology - Head and Neck Surgery, University of Iowa Hospitals, Iowa City, Iowa. 1979-1983.

Board Certification – American Board of Otolaryngology: Oct 25, 1983.

Medical License – State of Kentucky.

University Appointments

1. Assistant Professor, Department of Otolaryngology, University of Tennessee, Memphis, 1983 to 1987.
2. Associate Professor, Department of Otolaryngology, University of Tennessee, Memphis, 1987 to 1989.
3. Tenured Associate Professor, Department of Otolaryngology, University of Tennessee, Memphis, 1989 to 1992.
4. Associate Clinical Professor, Department of Surgery, Division of Otolaryngology, University of Kentucky, Lexington, 1993. Dr. Kavanagh left clinical practice on Feb. 5th 2010.

Appointments To Federal Advisory Panels

- Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, 2014 Hospital-Acquired Condition (HAC) Reduction Program Technical Expert Panel (TEP).
- Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, 2015 Hospital-Acquired Condition (HAC) Reduction Program Technical Expert Panel (TEP).
- Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality (AHRQ), 2016 Quality Indicator (QI) Standing Workgroup (SWG).
- Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, 2017, Technical Expert Panel (TEP) for the Hospital Harm Performance Measure

Awards & Honors

1. 1970 Eagle Scout, Vigil Honor Order of the Arrow.
2. 1975 Graduated with highest distinction from the University of Nevada - Reno.
3. 1983 State Appreciation Award for Service to Iowa Lions --Awarded by Iowa Lions State Organization for the development of the Iowa Lions Hearing Program.
4. 1992 Certificate of Appreciation. In recognition for outstanding, dedicated service to the citizens of Memphis and Shelby County, Tennessee. Presented by the Memphis and Shelby County Health Department.
5. 1994 Service To Mankind Award by the Sertoma Club, Somerset, KY.
6. 1994 Honor Award--American Academy of Otolaryngology, San Diego, Sept., 1994.
7. 1997 Kentucky State Recognition Award for Tobacco Education Program from the Kentucky American Cancer Society.
8. 2005 Miami, FL: US SAILING's Sail Training Service and Support Award The Sail Training Service and Support Award in honor of Virginia Long would honor individuals who, through their efforts, unselfishly assist and enable a sailing program or sailing instruction in a supportive role.
9. 2013 CDC & ATSDR Honor Award Nominee. "For forging a novel partnership aimed at elimination infections in healthcare settings and protecting patients." Aug. 20, 2013.
10. 2013 Honor Award Certificate. National Center for Emerging and Zoonotic Infectious Disease. For Emerging and Zoonotic Infections Disease. "For forging a novel partnership aimed at elimination

infections in healthcare settings and protecting patients.” Jun. 28, 2013.

11. MNA Advocate for Nursing Award. Massachusetts Nursing Award. October 2021.

Editorial Boards

1. Software Review and Computer Applications Editor for "The Annals of Otolaryngology, Rhinology and Laryngology." Jan 1991 to June 2004.
2. Member of the Editorial Board of the Journal of Patient Safety – Dec. 2012 to Present.
3. Associate Editor of the Journal of Patient Safety – Jul. 2014 to Present.
4. Editorial Board Infection Control Today. Apr. 2020 to Present.

Board Certification

1. National Board of Medical Examiners (#192409), July 2, 1979.
2. American Board of Otolaryngology - Head and Neck Surgery, October 25, 1983.

Licensure Boards

1. Member of Kentucky Board of Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology, Jan. 11, 2005 to Feb. 9, 2011.

State and Federal Committees

1. Statewide Citizen Review Panel for Child Protective Services – Federally mandated over-site panel for the Kentucky Dept of Community Based Services. Appointment Oct. 17, 2009 to April 15, 2011.
2. Kentucky Medical Association's Certificate of Need advisory committee from October 2007 to July 2008.
3. Alternate Member of PCORI Advisory Panel On Assessment Of Prevention, Diagnosis, And Treatment Options. Mar. 26, 2012 (one year appointments).
4. Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, 2014 Hospital-Acquired Condition (HAC) Reduction Program Technical Expert Panel (TEP).
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6. Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality (AHRQ), 2016 Quality Indicator (QI) Standing Workgroup (SWG).

- Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, Technical Expert Panel (TEP) for the Hospital Harm / Hospital Acquired Conditions Performance Measure 2017-2020.
- Study Section (grant review board) for Health Care Effectiveness and Outcomes Research (HEOR) Study Section. Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality. Feb., 2018 to Present.
<https://www.ahrq.gov/funding/process/study-section/heorst.html>
- National Quality Forum. Member of the Consensus Standards Approval Committee (CSAC). Interim term appointment May 9, 2018-September 30, 2018. Reappointed to serve Jan. 1, 2019 to Dec. 31, 2024.

Society Membership

- Fellow of the Triologic Society.
- Fellow of the American College of Surgeons.
- Fellow of the American Academy of Otolaryngology – Head and Neck Surgery.
- Served on the Socioeconomic and Grassroots Committee for the Board of Governors of the AAO-HNS 2009 to 2011.
- Member of American Medical Association & Kentucky Medical Association.

Websites Initially Written and Developed by Dr. Kavanagh

Medical Websites:

www.entusa.com This website contains approximately 500 pages, 500 pictures and 90 videos on allergy, ear, nose and throat medical conditions.

www.waent.org The World Articles in Ear, Nose and Throat. An online multimedia journal in Otolaryngology.

www.healthwatchusa.org Health Watch USA, a 501C3 organization, designed to promote healthcare transparency and patient advocacy.

www.neverevents.org Health Watch USA's website on Hospital Acquired Infections and Serious Reportable Events.

www.occupationalhearingloss.com This website lets the physician use 11 Online JavaScript calculators to evaluate audiometric data, calculate hearing handicaps and estimate future hearing thresholds.

--This site is the basis of Research Publication #40.

www.ear-anatomy.com This website presents 60 temporal bone slides that were scanned at 2500 pixels per inch. Each section is presented in three sizes up to 30 by 40 inches. Anatomical

diagrams aid in the identification of temporal bone structures. --This site is the basis of Research Publication #41.

www.tobaccofacts.info (www.tobacco-facts.info) These websites presents the dangers of tobacco use and ways to quit smoking.

www.cme-usa.org Physicians can earn CME credits by reviewing the medical information on www.entusa.com and taking an online test. Tests are graded online and if passed the results are forwarded to the University of Kentucky. This was the first Otolaryngology online CME course.

www.handstable.com Instrumentarium, Inc. website. Distributors of microsurgical instruments, including the Kavanagh "Hand Stable" Instruments.

Marine Websites:

Sailing Educational Websites – Initial site was donated to US SAILING on 12/16/2002
www.sailingcourse.com , www.sailingusa.info , www.cruising.sailingcourse.com ,
www.uspowerboating.com

Community Activities

4. Member of the following US SAILING National Committees:
 - a. Training Committee. March 2002 to 2010
 - b. National Faculty. November 2002 to 2010
 - c. Information Technology Task Force *July 2003 to Present (Note: US SAILING is the national governing body for the sport of sailing. US SAILING is responsible for the selection of the Olympic Team, the Paralympic Games Team, the Pan American Games and World University Games Teams, the annually designated US SAILING Team, US Disabled Team, and US Youth Team.)*
 - d. Cruising Council. Vice Chairman
5. District Chairman, Lake Cumberland District, Blue Grass Council, Boy Scouts of America Feb, 1998 to Feb. 2000.
6. President: American Cancer Society, Pulaski County Chapter. 1995-97.
7. Tobacco Education Chairman: American Cancer Society, Pulaski County, 1994-95.
8. Member of the Board of Directors for the Oral School for the Deaf, 1986-1989. 9. West Tennessee Lions Speech and Hearing Chairman (District 12-L), 1984 - 1989.

Products Produced

1. Delta Project Patient Management and Billing System (2300K) Relational Data Base Template for the Macintosh Computer--Written in Omnis 3 and Upgraded to Omnis 5 and Omnis 7.

--Omnis 3 version reviewed by JAMA. 263:1717-1718,1990.
--Omnis 5 version reviewed by Medical Software Reviews. 1:7-9,1992.
Rated: 4.5/5.0. (Note: This software package is no longer available.)

2. Delta Hearing Handicap and Presbycusis Software (70K--Omnis 5) Relational Database Template for the Macintosh Computer-- Completed 12/28/90.

-- Journal of the American Medical Association (JAMA). 266:3488,1991. A Negative Review.

Rebuttal letter to the editor. JAMA. 267:2738,1992. Authors of the review were shown the rebuttal and declined to respond. PMID: 1533687

-- Medical Software Reviews. 1(6):5,1992. Rated: 4.25/5.0.

-- Computer Users in Speech and Hearing (CUSH). 7:363-366,1991. Rated: 3.6/4.0.

-- American Speech and Hearing Association (ASHA). Dec 1992. Rated: Excellent. (Note: This software package is no longer available. A more expanded online calculator can be found at www.occupationalhearingloss.com)

Submitted and Awarded The Following Grants

1. 1981 - 82 Private: \$27,600 from Iowa Lions Sight and Hearing Foundation; awarded to temporal bone bank, cochlear implant program and to the purchase of a Nicolet Pathfinder II.
2. Private: \$30,000 from the Lions Clubs International Foundation towards the cochlear implant program.
3. 1982-83 Private: \$30,000 from the Lions Clubs of Iowa for cochlear implant research.
4. Foundation for a Healthy Kentucky: Conference Grant \$5,000 in 2010, \$4,300 in 2011.

Principal Investigator for the Following Grants

1. Federal: \$29,891 teaching grant in pediatric otolaryngology from Maternal and Child Health.
2. 1986-87 Federal: \$100,000 Maternal and Child Health Grant for a tri-state pediatric speech and hearing program. MCJ-473808
3. Federal: \$15,000 Maternal and Child Health Grant for development of a patient management system on a relational database for the Macintosh.
4. 1987-88 Federal: \$100,000 Maternal and Child Health Grant for a tri-state pediatric speech and hearing program. MCJ-473808
5. Federal: \$36,616 Maternal and Child Health supplement for further development of a case management computer system.
6. 1988-89 Federal: \$136,616 Maternal and Child Health grant for a tri-state pediatric speech and hearing program. MCJ-473808
7. Federal: \$6,500 Maternal and Child Health supplement for indigent health care delivery conference.

8. 1990-1991 Federal: \$10,000 Maternal and Child Health supplement for indigent health care delivery.
9. 1991-1992 Federal: \$15,000 Maternal and Child Health supplement for Conference for the Poor and Uninsured. MCJ-479158-02.
10. 1992-1996 Federal (Accepted but not funded): \$824,091 Applying Image-Directed Robotics to Otologic Surgery - National Institute of Health.

Outside Federal Grants Reviewed

1. Field Initiated Project. Biomedical Operations and Research Office of NASA/John F. Kennedy Space Center, Florida, for the American Institute of Biological Sciences. Nov. 1988.
2. Grant review board for Special Projects of Regional and National Significance, Office of Maternal and Child Health. Rockville, MD, May 7-9, 1989.
3. Grant Proposal: Field Initiated Project. Office of Maternal and Child Health. Rockville, MD, Feb 8, 1991.
4. Grant Proposal: Field Initiated Project. Bureau of Maternal and Child Health. Rockville, MD, Aug, 1992.
5. Grant Proposal: Field Initiated Project. Bureau of Maternal and Child Health. Rockville, MD, Nov, 1992.
6. Grant Proposal: Field Initiated Project. Bureau of Maternal and Child Health. Rockville, MD, Aug, 1993.
7. Grant review board for Cooperative Agreement to Support Navigators in Federally-facilitated and State Partnership Exchanges (PPH 2013, 13 EXN) July 2013.
8. Grant review board for Cooperative Agreement to Support Navigators in Federally-facilitated and State Partnership Marketplaces (CA-NAV-14-002, CFDA: 93.332) July-Aug 2014
9. Grant review board for Health Care Effectiveness and Outcomes Research (HEOR) Study Section. Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality. Feb., 2018 to Present.
<https://www.ahrq.gov/funding/process/study-section/heorrst.html>
<https://www.ahrq.gov/funding/process/study-section/heorrst.html>
10. AHRQ Special Emphasis Panel (regarding conference grants). AdHoc Reviewer. March. 2019.
11. AHRQ data analytics and population health special emphasis panel. AdHoc Reviewer. July 18th – 19th, 2019.

PUBLICATIONS—Peer-Reviewed Journals

1. Kavanagh KT and Beardsley JV. Brainstem auditory evoked response I. Basic principles and clinical applications in the assessment of patients with non-organic hearing loss. Annals of Otology Rhinology and Laryngology, 88(4 Pt 2 Suppl 58): 1-10,1979. PMID: 114087
2. Kavanagh KT and Beardsley JV. Brainstem auditory evoked response II. Clinical applications in the assessment of patients with organic hearing loss. Annals of Otology Rhinology and Laryngology, 88(4 Pt 2 Suppl 58):11-21, 1979. PMID: 114087

3. Kavanagh KT and Beardsley JV. Brainstem auditory evoked response III. Clinical uses of bone conduction in the evaluation of otologic disease. *Annals of Otolaryngology and Laryngology*, 88(4 Pt 2 Suppl 58):22-28,1979. PMID: 114087

Publication Numbers 1 through 3 were reviewed by Bailey B, Editorial. Contempo '80: This is the decade that is. Otolaryngology, Journal of the American Medical Association. 243:2203-2204, 1980. PMID: 7373777

4. Kavanagh KT and Panje WR. Neurogenic neoplasms of the seventh cranial nerve presenting as a parotid mass. *American Journal of Otolaryngology*, 3:53-56,1982. PMID: 7114391
5. Kavanagh KT, and McCabe BF. Ototoxicity of oral neomycin and vancomycin. *Laryngoscope*, 93:469-653,1983. PMID: 6843260
6. Kavanagh KT, Harker LA and Tyler RS. Auditory brainstem and middle latency responses. I. Effect of response filtering and waveform identification. II. Threshold responses to a 500-Hz tone pip. *Annals of Otolaryngology and Laryngology*, 93:2-12,1984. PMID: 6421220
7. Babin RW and Kavanagh KT. Traumatic intratympanic facial neuroma. A clinical report. *American Journal of Otolaryngology*, 5:365-367,1984. (Note: Author's name should be spelled as Kavanagh.) PMID: 6476087
8. Babin RW and Kavanagh KT. Familial nasal acilia syndrome. *Southern Medical Journal*, 78(6):737-739, 1985. PMID: 4002006
9. Kavanagh KT, Salazar JE and Babin RW. Bone marrow expansion of the thyroid cartilage: a source of confusion with malignant invasion in CT studies. *Journal of Computer Assisted Tomography*. 9:177-179, 1985. PMID: 3918079
10. Giltman L, Kavanagh KT, et. al. Extramedullary hematopoiesis within the hypotympanicum presenting as a glomus tympanicum. *American Journal of Otolaryngology*, 7:218-220, 1986. PMID: 3717315
11. Kavanagh KT, Giltman L and Babin RW. Erosive mucosal cysts of the temporal bone. A case report with review of the pathogenesis. *American Journal of Otolaryngology*, 7:270-274,1986. PMID: 3740235
12. Kavanagh KT and Domico WW. High pass digital filtration of the 40 Hz response and its relationship to the spectral content of the middle latency and 40 Hz response. *Ear and Hearing*, 7:93-99,1986. PMID: 3699264
13. Kavanagh KT and Cosby W. Shave excision and dermabrasion of midline angiofibroma in tuberous sclerosis. *Archives of Otolaryngology*, 112:886-888,1986. PMID: 3013241
14. Kavanagh KT, Kahane J and Kordan B. Risks and benefits of adenotonsillectomy for children with down syndrome. *American Journal of Mental Deficiency*, 91:22-29, 1986. PMID: 2943158
15. Kavanagh KT and Babin RW. Definitions and types of nystagmus and calculations. *Ear and Hearing*, 7:157-166,1986. PMID: 3487475
16. Kavanagh KT and Litovitz T. Miniature battery foreign bodies in the auditory and nasal cavities. *Journal of the American Medical Association*, 255:1470-1472,1986. PMID: 3951081

17. Domico WD and Kavanagh KT. Analog and zero phase-shift digital filtering of the auditory brainstem response waveform. *Ear and Hearing*, 7:377-382,1986. PMID: 3792680
18. Kavanagh KT and Domico WD. High pass digital and analog filtration of the middle latency response. *Ear and Hearing*, 8:101-109,1987. PMID: 3582801
19. Kavanagh KT, Domico WT, Crews P, and McCormick VA. Comparison of the intrasubject repeatability of auditory brain stem and middle latency responses elicited in young children. *Annals of Otolaryngology Rhinology and Laryngology*, 97:264-271,1988. PMID: 3377393
20. Kavanagh KT and Babin RW. Endoscopic surgical management for laryngomalacia: Case report and review of the literature. *Annals of Otolaryngology Rhinology and Laryngology*, 96:650-653,1987. PMID: 3688751
21. Kavanagh KT and Hinkle W. Reconstruction of the soft palate after jaw, tongue, neck dissection with subtotal palatotomy (velopharyngoplasty). *Laryngoscope*, 97:1461-1463,1987. Printer's Erratum: 98:247,1988. PMID: 3683058
22. Kavanagh KT and Beckford NS. Adenotonsillectomy in children: indications and contraindications. *Southern Medical Journal*, 81:505-511,1988. PMID: 3162779
23. Kavanagh KT, Domico WD, Franks R and Han JC. Digital filtering and spectral analysis of the low intensity ABR. *Ear and Hearing*, 9:43-47,1988. PMID: 3342945
24. Kavanagh KT and Franks R. Analog and digital filtering of the brain stem auditory evoked response. *Annals of Otolaryngology Rhinology and Laryngology*, 98:508-514,1988. PMID: 2751210
25. Kavanagh KT and Magill HL. Michel deformity: Common cavity inner ear deformity. *Pediatric Radiology*, 19:343-345,1989. PMID: 2755750
26. Kavanagh KT, Gould H, McCormick V, and Franks R. Comparison of the identifiability of the low intensity ABR and MLR in the mentally handicapped patient. *Ear and Hearing*, 10:124-130,1989. PMID: 2707503
27. Kavanagh KT and Clark S. Comparison of the mastoid to vertex and mastoid to high forehead electrode arrays in recording auditory evoked potentials. *Ear and Hearing*, 10:259-261,1989. PMID: 2776987
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29. Kavanagh KT, Smith T, Golden G, Tate N, and Hinkle W. Multivariate analysis of family risk factors in predicting appointment attendance in a pediatric otology and communication clinic. *Journal of Health and Social Policy*, 2:85-102,1991. PMID: 10116396
30. Kavanagh KT, Tate NP. Models to promote medical health care delivery for indigent families: Computerized tracking to case management. *Journal of Health and Social Policy*, 2:21-34,1990 PMID: 10119066
31. (Editorial) Kavanagh KT and Tate NP. Indigent medical care: Current challenges and solutions. *Journal of Health and Social Policy*, 2:1-7,1990 PMID: 10119065

32. Kavanagh KT, Hughes W, Parham D and Chanin LR. Fungal sinusitis in immunocompromised children with neoplasms. *Annals of Otolaryngology and Laryngology*, 100:331-336,1991. PMID: 2018294
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33. Kavanagh KT. Evaluation of occupational hearing loss and presbycusis using a microcomputer. *Journal of the American Academy of Audiology*. 3:215-220,1992 PMID: 1581596
34. Kavanagh KT and Beckford N. Airway obstruction in the mentally handicapped: Case report of an 18 year old patient with laryngomalacia. *Southern Medical Journal*, 85:779-781,1991. PMID: 1631703
35. Fontanesi JF, Beckford NS, Lester E, Kavana(u)gh KT, Tai D, Eddy T and Kun L. Concomitant cisplatin and hyperfractionated external beam irradiation for advanced malignancy of the head and neck. *American Journal of Surgery*. 162:393-396,1992. (Note: Author's name should be spelled as Kavanagh.) PMID: 1951896
36. Kavanagh KT, Maijub AG and Brown JR. Passive exposure to cocaine in medical personnel and its effect on urine drug screening tests. *Otolaryngology --Head and Neck Surgery*. 107:363-369,1992. PMID: 1408218
37. Kavanagh KT. Triologic Thesis: Applications of Image Directed Robotics in Otolaryngologic Surgery. *Laryngoscope*. 104:283-293,1994. PMID: 8127184
38. (Editorial) Kavanagh KT and Hinkle W. National health care reform: Choice Opportunities. *Journal of Health and Social Policy*. 6(1):1-12, 1994 PMID: 10140435
39. Kavanagh KT. Evaluation of hearing handicaps and presbycusis using World Wide Web-based calculators. *Journal of the American Academy of Audiology*. 12:497-505,2001. PMID: 11791936
40. Kavanagh KT. World Wide Web-based temporal bone anatomical sections. *Otolaryngology - Head and Neck Surgery*. 126(5):573-577 2002. PMID: 12075233
41. Kavanagh KT. Distribution of World Wide Medical Research Articles on the World Wide Web. *Journal of Health and Social Policy* 16(3):1-5, 2003 PMID: 12877244
42. Kavanagh KT. Financial incentives to promote health care quality: the hospital acquired conditions nonpayment policy. *Soc Work Public Health*. 2011 Aug 31;26(5):524-41. PMID: 21902485
43. Kavanagh KT: Health care integration: will physicians lose their voice? *Bulletin of the American College of Surgeons*, June 2011. PMID: 22315908
<https://www.facs.org/~media/files/publications/bulletin/2011/2011%20june%20bulletin.ashx>
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<http://www.plosone.org/article/info:doi/10.1371/journal.pone.0061097>
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http://journals.lww.com/journalpatientsafety/Fulltext/2014/12000/The_Relationship_Between_Tort_Reform_and_Medical.7.aspx
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Dr. Kevin Kavanagh from Health Watch USAsm stresses the importance of having real-time accurate reporting of the COVID-19 immune escape variants. We also need to be genomic sequencing more specimens and should be reporting state specific data to help safeguard the public. The CDC should classify the Delta variant, as a variant of concern. The CDC's main site should have easy to access and the most up to date data available in the world. Advisories regarding both the Indian Variant and the P.1 Brazilian or Gamma Variant need to be made. Public Comment Before the CDC HICPAC Committee. June 3, 2021. <http://www.healthwatchusa.org/HWUSA-Presentations-Community/PDF-Downloads/20210603-HICPAC-Variants-2-Letter.pdf> <https://youtu.be/KVYt4PyQuZw>

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Initially, the FDA VRBPA committee focused on vaccinated individuals who are biologically high-risk of developing severe COVID-19, but finally, also recommended boosters for those at high-risk of SARS-CoV-2 exposure. However, the degree of exposure is like being pregnant you either are exposed or you are not. During a raging pandemic, action is needed NOW, we do not have the luxury of waiting for the results of randomized controlled trials. I would recommend reconsideration of offering Pfizer boosters to all who are 16 years of age or older; or at least offering boosters to those who are 30 years of age or older, plus all individuals who are at risk of SARS-CoV-2 exposure. As a side note, we encourage the flu vaccine to be taken by all, not just those at high risk of severe disease or disease acquisition, we need to be consistent with our messaging. Comment Before CED ACIP, Sept 23, 2021. https://youtu.be/CELug9tZI_0 Written Comment: http://www.healthwatchusa.org/HWUSA-Presentations-Community/PDF-Downloads/20210922-The_CDC_ACIP_Written-Comment-3.pdf

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Over 313 Radio Segments Regarding COVID-19

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- Jack Pattie Show (Total of 257; Total of 250 on COVID-19):
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- Infection Control Today, Pod Cast Interviews (Total 26 on COVID-19):
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