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Dr. Kevin 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’ Hospital-Acquired Condition (HAC) Reduction Program Technical Expert Panel (TEP) along with the AHRQ Standing Working Group for Quality Indicators for 2016 to 2017. He also serves on the AHRQ for Health Care Effectiveness and Outcomes Research (HEOR) Study Section, and he is serving an Interim term appointment (May 9, 2018-September 30, 2018) on the National Quality Forum’s Consensus Standards Approval Committee (CSAC). He has published over 20 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 on Healthcare Issues and over the last six years a recurrent guest on the Jack Pattie Radio Show on health policy issues.

Undergraduate: University of Nevada at Reno, Reno, Nevada, 1972 - 1975, BS awarded in 1975. (Note: Dr Kavanagh started medical school at the age of 19, after 2 years of college and was awarded a BS degree during his second year of medical school.)

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, Gunderson Clinic, LaCrosse, Wisconsin 1978-1979.

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

Medical License – State of Kentucky.

Board Certification

1. National Board of Medical Examiners (#192409), July 2, 1979.

2. American Board of Otolaryngology - Head and Neck Surgery, October 25, 1983.

Recognitions and Awards

1. **CDC & ATSDR Honor Award Nominee.** “For forging a novel partnership aimed at elimination infections in healthcare settings and protecting patients.” Aug. 20, 2014.
2. **Honor Award Certificate. National Center for Emerging and Zoonotic Infectious Disease.** “For forging a novel partnership aimed at elimination infections in healthcare settings and protecting patients.” Jun. 28, 2014.

Editorial Boards

- Software Review and Computer Applications Editor for "The Annals of Otolaryngology, Rhinology and Laryngology." Jan 1991 to June 2004.
- Member of the Editorial Board of the Journal of Patient Safety – Dec. 2012 to Present.
- Associate editor of the Journal of Patient Safety – Jul. 2014 to Present.

Federal & National 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.
- Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, 2017 - 2018, Technical Expert Panel (TEP) for the Hospital Harm Performance Measure.
- 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>
<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.

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.

Peer Reviewed Articles on Healthcare Policy & Treatment Standards:

1. 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
2. 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
3. (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
4. (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
5. 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
6. 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>
7. Kavanagh K, Abusalem S, Saman DM. A Perspective on the Evidence Regarding Methicillin-resistant *Staphylococcus aureus* Surveillance. *J Patient Saf*. 2012 Sep;8(3):140-3. doi: 10.1097/PTS.0b013e3182627b89. PMID 22874134

8. Kavanagh KT, Cimiotti JP, Abusalem S and Coty MB. Moving Healthcare Quality Forward With Nursing-Sensitive Value-Based Purchasing. *Journal of Nursing J Nurs Scholarsh.* 2012 Dec;44(4):385-95. doi: 10.1111/j.1547-5069.2012.01469.x. Epub 2012 Oct 15. PMID: 23066956 <http://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/10.1111/j.1547-5069.2012.01469.x/full>
9. Saman DM, Kavanagh KT (corresponding author) and Abusalem S. Redefining the Standardized Infection Ratio to Aid in Consumer Value Purchasing. *Journal of Patient Safety.* 2013 Jun;9(2):55-8. PMID: 23370222
10. Saman DM, Kavanagh KT, Johnson B, Lutfiyya MN. Can Inpatient Hospital Experiences Predict Central Line-associated Bloodstream Infections? *Plos One.* April. 5, 2013. PMID: 23577195
11. Kavanagh KT, Calderon LE, Saman DM. The Relationship Between Tort Reform and Medical Utilization. *J Patient Saf.* 2013 Oct 7. [Epub ahead of print] PMID: 24104483 http://journals.lww.com/journalpatientsafety/Fulltext/2014/12000/The_Relationship_Between_Tort_Reform_and_Medical.7.aspx
12. Kavanagh KT, Saman DM, Yu Y. A Perspective on How the United States Fell behind Northern Europe in the Battle against Methicillin-Resistant Staphylococcus aureus. *Antimicrob Agents Chemother.* 2013 Dec;57(12):5789-91. doi: 10.1128/AAC.01839-13. Epub 2013 Oct 7. PMID: 24100502 <http://aac.asm.org/content/57/12/5789.long>
13. Saman DM, Kavanagh KT. Assessing the Necessity of the Standardized Infection Ratio for Reporting Central Line Associated Bloodstream Infections. *Plos One.* Nov. 4, 2013. PMID 24223966 <http://www.plosone.org/article/info%3Adoi%2F10.1371%2Fjournal.pone.0079554>
14. Kavanagh KT, Calderon LE, Saman DM. Research Letter: Much Work Still to Be Done to Prevent Central Line–Associated Bloodstream Infections. *American Journal of Medical Quality* 1062860613513317, first published on December 13, 2013 as doi:10.1177/1062860613513317 PMID: 24335078 <http://ajm.sagepub.com/content/early/2013/12/13/1062860613513317.extract>
15. Kavanagh KT, Calderon LE, Saman DM, Abusalem SK. The use of surveillance and preventative measures for methicillin-resistant staphylococcus aureus infections in surgical patients. *Antimicrob Resist Infect Control.* 2014 May 14;3:18. eCollection 2014. PMID: 24847437 <http://www.aricjournal.com/content/3/1/18>
16. Kavanagh KT. How I Was Prescribed an Unnecessary Antibiotic While Traveling to a Conference on Antibiotic Resistance. *JAMA Intern Med.* 2014 Sep;174(9):1433-4. doi: 10.1001/jamainternmed.2014.3412. <http://archinte.jamanetwork.com/article.aspx?articleid=1892183>
17. Wu AW, Kavanagh KT, Pronovost PJ, Bates DW. Conflict of interest, dr charles denham and the journal of patient safety. *J Patient Saf.* 2014 Dec;10(4):181-5. PMID: 25408235

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18. Kavanagh KT, Calderon LE and Saman DM Viewpoint: a response to "Screening and isolation to control methicillin-resistant Staphylococcus aureus: sense, nonsense, and evidence" Antimicrobial Resistance and Infection Control 2015, 4:4 (5 February 2015)
<http://www.aricjournal.com/content/4/1/4>
19. Calderon LE, Kavanagh KT, Rice MK. Questionable Validity of the Catheter Associated Urinary Tract Infection Metric Used for Value Based Purchasing. American Journal of Infection Control. Published Online Jul 1, 2015. <http://www.ajicjournal.org/article/S0196-6553%2815%2900613-6/fulltext>
20. Kavanagh KT, Tower SS, Saman DM. A perspective on the principles of integrity in infectious disease research. Journal of Patient Safety. Published Online Mar. 24, 2016. PMID 27010326
http://journals.lww.com/journalpatientsafety/Fulltext/2016/06000/A_Perspective_on_the_Principles_of_Integrity_in.1.aspx
21. Landers TF, Kavanagh KT. Missing opportunities on the Presidential Advisory Council on Combating Antibiotic Resistance (PACCARB). Am J Infect Control. 2016 Nov 1;44(11):1356-1359. doi: 10.1016/j.ajic.2016.07.008. Epub 2016 Sep 2.
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23. Kavanagh KT, Abusalem S, Calderon LE. The incidence of MRSA infections in the United States. Is a more comprehensive tracking system needed? Antimicrobial Resistance and Infection Control. April 7, 2017. 6:34 DOI: 10.1186/s13756-017-0193-0 <https://rdcu.be/KRmU>
24. Kavanagh KT, Kraman SS, Kavanagh SP. An Analysis of the FDA MAUDE Database and the Search For Cobalt Toxicity in Metal on Metal Hip Implants. Submitted Feb. 17, 2018.

Letters-To-Editor in Peer Reviewed Journals:

1. Kavanagh KT. The supply of rural physicians. JAMA. 10;269(6):744-5, 1993. PMID: 8423648
2. Kavanagh KT. In response to "Assessing nursing staffing ratios: variability in workload intensity". Policy Polit Nurs Pract. 2007 Aug;8(3):182. PMID: 18178924
3. Kavanagh K, Abusalem S. Mounting evidence supports universal surveillance for MRSA in preoperative patients. J Am Col Surg. 2011 Aug;213(2):335-6. PMID: 21787990

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8. Kavanagh KT. Letter to the editor regarding: The effectiveness of Medicare's non-payment of hospital-acquired conditions policy. *Health Policy*. Aug 27, 2014. PMID: 25201486 DOI: <http://dx.doi.org/10.1016/j.healthpol.2014.08.006>
<http://www.healthwatchusa.org/HWUSA-Publications/PDF-Downloads/20140829-JHP-HAC-Letter.pdf>
9. Kavanagh KT, Calderon LE, Rice M. Author's Response to Letter Regarding "Questionable validity of the catheter-associated urinary tract infection metric used for value-based purchasing". *AJIC*. Accepted Dec, 8, 2015, Published Online Jan. 29, 2016. DOI: 10.1016/j.ajic.2015.12.002 PMID: 26827094 <http://www.ajicjournal.org/article/S0196-6553%2815%2901229-8/pdf>
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Recent Op-Eds in Major State and National Newspapers:

1. Kavanagh KT. State Reporting on Hospital Infections, Lax Dangerous - Lexington Herald Leader, Lexington, Kentucky, Jan. 21, 2011. <http://www.kentucky.com/opinion/op-ed/article44075886.html>
2. Kavanagh KT. Revising Health Care Reform - Courier Journal, Louisville, Kentucky, Jan. 21, 2011.
3. Kavanagh KT. UK Wrong To Downplay Loss of Nursing Honor – Herald Leader, Lexington, Kentucky, Mar. 21, 2011. <http://www.kentucky.com/opinion/op-ed/article44085474.html>
4. Kavanagh KT. Tracking of Hospital Acquired Infections – Courier Journal, Louisville, Kentucky, Apr. 20, 2011 .
5. Saman DM, Kavanagh KT. Public, patients have right to know hospitals’ infection rates – Herald Leader, Lexington Kentucky, July 11, 2011. <http://www.kentucky.com/opinion/op-ed/article44115336.html>
6. Kavanagh KT. Investigate staffing, infection rates at UK hospital – Herald Leader, Lexington, Kentucky, September 4th, 2011. <http://www.kentucky.com/opinion/op-ed/article44124081.html>
7. Saman DM, Kavanagh KT. Outpatient Antibiotic Utilization Highest in West Virginia and Kentucky. The Center for Disease Dynamics, Economics & Policy. Nov. 17, 2011. http://www.cddep.org/blog/posts/outpatient_antibiotic_utilization_highest_west_virginia_and_kentucky
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10. Kavanagh KT, Saman DM. Hospital Infections are Under Reported. Courier Journal, Louisville, Kentucky, January 31, 2012. <http://www.courier-journal.com/apps/pbcs.dll/article?AID=2012302010056>
11. Kavanagh KT, Bukulmez H. More doctors controlled by hospitals mean restricted care. Herald Leader, Lexington, Kentucky, March 1, 2012. <http://www.kentucky.com/opinion/op-ed/article44157999.html>
12. Kavanagh KT, Saman DM. Patients dissatisfied with unnecessary, expensive care. Herald Leader, Lexington, Kentucky, June 25, 2012 <http://www.kentucky.com/opinion/op-ed/article44365779.html>
13. Kavanagh KT. Assessing changes in reform. August 27, 2012 Courier Journal. <http://www.healthwatchusa.org/HWUSA-Publications/HW-USA-editorials.htm>
14. Kavanagh KT. The changing role of the physician. American College of Surgeons, Surgical News. Oct 23, 2012. <http://www.acssurgerynews.com/opinions/editorials/single-article/the-changing-role-of-the-physician/9dbaf6056dcb9a966c5beef8cb438de6.html>

15. Kavanagh KT, Saman DM. Consumers must scrutinize details of hospital rankings. Herald Leader, Lexington, Kentucky, Nov. 7, 2012. <http://www.kentucky.com/opinion/op-ed/article44388219.html>
16. Kavanagh KT. Two Takes: Should Hospitals Be Allowed to Charge Facility Fees? US News & World Report. Jan 11, 2013.
Hospital Facility Fees Raise Out-of-Pocket Costs for Medicare Patients. US News & World Report. Jan 28, 2013. <http://www.usnews.com/opinion/articles/2013/01/28/hospital-facility-fees-raise-out-of-pocket-costs-for-medicare-patients>
17. Kavanagh KT. More Scrutiny on spread of Infections; Health Care Industry Resists Surveillance. Lexington Herald Leader. Feb. 11, 2013. <http://www.kentucky.com/opinion/op-ed/article44402895.html>
18. Kavanagh KT. Costs soar when doctors work for hospitals Lexington Herald Leader. Apr. 22, 2013. <http://www.kentucky.com/opinion/op-ed/article44420115.html>
19. Kavanagh KT. Tough Diagnosis: Hospital rankings. Lexington Herald Leader. May 12, 2013. <http://www.kentucky.com/opinion/op-ed/article44423742.html>
20. Kavanagh KT, Saman DM. Better monitoring needed in a post-antibiotic era. Lexington Herald Leader. July 11, 2013. <http://www.kentucky.com/opinion/op-ed/article44433474.html>
21. Kavanagh KT. Disclosure key to curbing medical errors. UK board should demand it. Lexington Herald Leader. Aug. 11, 2013. <http://www.kentucky.com/opinion/op-ed/article44438388.html>
22. Kavanagh KT. Surcharge on smokers under Ky. health reform is unfair, shortsighted. Lexington Herald Leader. Sep. 5, 2013. <http://www.kentucky.com/opinion/op-ed/article44442471.html>
23. Kavanagh KT. Mandate reporting of Ky. health-care related infections. Lexington Herald Leader. Mar. 13, 2014. <http://www.kentucky.com/opinion/op-ed/article44476251.html>
24. Kavanagh KT. Dr. Kevin Kavanagh: Overuse of antibiotics aids attacks of deadly bacteria. Lexington Herald Leader. May 9, 2014. <http://www.kentucky.com/opinion/op-ed/article44488443.html>
25. Kavanagh KT. VA lesson: defend and deny bad health policy. Lexington Herald Leader. Jun. 22, 2014. <http://www.kentucky.com/opinion/op-ed/article44494533.html>
26. Kavanagh KT. Use hospital rankings to stay out of harm's way. Lexington Herald Leader. Aug. 9, 2014. <http://www.kentucky.com/opinion/op-ed/article44502048.html>
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32. Kavanagh KT. Dr. Kevin Kavanagh says hospitals should act as Ky. falls on key infection ranking Lexington Herald Leader. June 18, 2015 <http://www.kentucky.com/2015/06/17/3905753/ky-voices-dr-kevin-kavanagh-says.html>
33. Kavanagh KT. Without more monitoring, medical devices will keep harming patients. Lexington Herald Leader. Aug. 13, 2015. <http://www.kentucky.com/opinion/op-ed/article44615532.html>
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