

Here are this week's health care news highlights from AskaPatient:

- Drug-resistant bacteria are found on many hospital patients' hands and things they touch in their rooms. <http://ow.ly/Bi0n30oqzOc> (04-15-19)
- Most patients who visit the ICU for non-brain-related illnesses leave with some mild cognitive dysfunction. <http://ow.ly/N7vR30oqzBY> (04-15-19)
- FDA approves J&J's advanced bladder cancer drug for patients with specific gene mutations. <http://ow.ly/RR2A30oqzSY> (04-15-19)
- Tel Aviv scientists create the first 3D "printed" heart complete with blood vessels using the patient's own cells. <http://ow.ly/VgsY30ornTc> (04-16-19)
- Even as prescription opioid deaths drop, fentanyl is killing more and more people in West Virginia. <http://ow.ly/X1WT30ornTv> (04-16-19)
- Portland State University develops a blockchain protocol to prevent counterfeit pharmaceutical sales. <http://ow.ly/LAqG30ornUc> (04-16-19)
- Fecal transplants cut autism symptoms in half with effects lasting years, new Arizona State University study finds. <http://ow.ly/P6WC30os4FK> (04-17-19)
- Hiroshima dentists develop a mouth appliance that improves the airway during sleep to reduce sleep apnea. <http://ow.ly/9bgV30os4Nr> (04-17-19)
- Using animals to test the toxicity of chemicals may someday become an outdated practice thanks to a new algorithm. <http://ow.ly/yOfu30os533> (04-17-19)
- Marijuana users may need more sedation than other patients to undergo endoscopic procedures. <http://ow.ly/Krfm30os580> (04-18-19)
- Yale scientists restore basic cellular activity in pigs' brains hours after death. <http://ow.ly/m0iv30osOTA> (04-18-19)
- Early findings suggest cannabidiol could be use to help medications cross the blood-brain barrier. <http://ow.ly/lhSi30osOUs> (04-18-19)
- Blood pressure drug shows promise in fighting Parkinson's and dementia. <http://ow.ly/ndOk30otvSs> (04-19-19)
- NIH funds four-state study that aims to reduce opioid deaths by 40 percent over 3 years in selected communities. <http://ow.ly/H1No30otvTF> (04-19-19)
- Post-surgical deaths cut by a third over a decade in Scotland thanks to safety checklist. <http://ow.ly/hjfa30otvYy> (04-19-19)
- Diabetes drug reverses heart failure by improving heart metabolism according to recent pig study. <http://ow.ly/D9U530otw0e> (04-20-19)
- Patients with high-deductible insurance plans often delay or completely avoid diagnostic tests and treatment. <http://ow.ly/Cwzo30otw3n> (04-20-19)

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