

## [Consumers Union's Safe Patient Project Forum Webcast: "To Err Is Human, To Delay Is Deadly"](#)

### **Marks 10th Anniversary Of IOM Study On Medical Errors And Raises Concerns About Lack Of Progress**

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The [Consumers Union's Safe Patient Project](#) (formerly Stop Hospital Infections) is holding a forum, "To Err Is Human, To Delay Is Deadly," in Washington, DC, **today**, Tuesday, November 17, 2009, from 10 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. EST.

There is a [free live webcast on this "To Err Is Human, To Delay Is Deadly" forum on the day of the event](#). If you cannot tune in then, a recording of this forum webcast will be available up to a year after this date.

The forum marks the 10th anniversary of the IOM study on medical errors and raises concerns about the lack of progress over the past decade in preventing medical harm. Speakers at this forum include:

**Arthur Levin**, Center for Medical Consumers, member of the original IOM committee and long-time consumer advocate for patient safety;

**Dr. Richard Shannon**, University of Pennsylvania Health System, successful advocate for patient safety from within the walls of the hospital, challenging those in the medical community who say it is too difficult to stop hospital-acquired infections;

**Merrill Gozner**, independent author, writer and active blogger on health issues, former director of the Integrity in Science project at the Center for Science in the Public Interest, who will speak about conflicts of interest and the influence of the medical industry on creating a safer and more patient oriented health care system; and,

**U.S. Representative Bruce Braley** of Iowa, a strong advocate for eliminating medical harm to save patients' lives and to reduce costs to the health care system.

The [Safe Patient Project campaign released a report earlier this year on the subject](#), which describes how this campaign covers the following issues:

- hospital-acquired infections
- medical errors and other medical harm
- physician accountability
- drug safety

We encourage those who are interested in medication mistakes and medical errors to take the time to view this "To Err Is Human, To Delay Is Deadly" forum webcast either live, **today**, or at your convenience in the weeks or months to come. Of course, you should feel free to share this forum webcast information with others, also.

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Attorney [Tom Lamb](#) represents people in personal injury and wrongful death cases involving unsafe prescription drugs or medication errors. The above article was posted originally on his blog, **Drug Injury Watch** – with live links and readers' Comments.

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