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## Your monthly dose of news you can use:

### Unprecedented rate of US drug spend impacts hospitals disproportionately

Drug costs are the fastest growing element of U.S. healthcare costs but spending for prescription drugs in hospitals and health systems is outpacing the overall rate of drug spend. According to the results from a study by NORC (University of Chicago) released last week, drug shortages and price increases are just two of the challenges facing hospitals. [Jim Jorgenson provides key steps hospitals can take to meet these challenges head-on.](#)

### Hospital pharmacy challenges from 2018 to spill over into 2019

Drug shortages, escalating drug prices, and the opioid epidemic are just some of the issues that will continue to plague hospital pharmacy in 2019. Jim Jorgenson and others discuss what this means for hospital leadership in [this article](#) featured in *Pharmacy Practice News*.

### Important insights from Dr. Massoomi re: USP 800 Section 15 –

The longest section, and arguably one of the most important, Section 15 provides us with a comprehensive overview of the concept of 'cleaning' and its importance in the process of safely handling hazardous drugs. Understanding this chapter is essential to USP 800 compliance and Dr. Massoomi provides an excellent overview in [this article](#).

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## 6 best practices to help achieve DSCSA Compliance

Compliance with DSCSA is challenging due in large part to incomplete or inaccurate understanding of the requirements. Created to put in place to protect consumers from harmful drugs, such as those that are stolen or contaminated, the Act outlines steps to build an electronic, interoperable system to trace and identify certain drugs as they are distributed throughout the U.S. Here are [6 best practices](#) to help your organization reach optimal compliance.

## In Becker's: Jim's Top 10 issues facing hospital pharmacy in 2019

Each year, CEO Jim Jorgenson reviews the most pressing issues concerning hospital pharmacy. This year's list includes healthcare reform, drug shortages, escalating drug costs, disruptive technology, and more. Published in *Becker's Hospital Review*, hospital and pharmacy leadership will benefit from Jim's insights into what to expect in 2019. The [full article](#) is also available here.

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