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Recovery, not closure

Hospitals need to disclose mortality rates, increase quality of care

St. Mary’s Medical Center in West Palm Beach, Fla. had to choose but not close down its Pediatric Cardiothoracic Surgery Program in August after an investigation conducted by CNN. It led other hospitals with low volume of patients to cease these risky procedures or shut down their heart programs, which had the highest expenses, in an attempt to cut their death rates.

In all honesty, for the sake of accomplishing your goals, you would probably just keep it to yourself until you finally make plans to improve some aspect of your life, and then—when you’re ready to kick your butt if you don’t do it—tell someone about what you plan to do.

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“Telling about your goals to friends can be a step in strengthening the field across the nation instead of local area. So for the majority of the Centers of Excellence are located in the northwest with very few, or none, in the east. In addition, high-performance hospitals should provide a means for surgeons with less experience to learn. In 2013, there had only been 25 operations. There is little room for growth when surgeons have less than 50 procedures, while some others may have more than 100. Extending the programs to low-volume hospitals to train inexperienced surgeons would ease patient distribution and lower death rates based on incompetency.

Without a doubt, these operations all come down to money. Money should be an incentive, but not the sole reason for maintaining these uncost-effective pediatric heart surgery programs. In a study conducted at Emory University researchers revealed that one of the most burdensome, especially if retraining or new technology is necessary. There is also a need for strict supervision and improvement of pediatric heart surgery programs that are already running. Hospitals with prestigious congenital heart healthcare should aim aid rather than shutting down poorly performing programs as the National Health Service did in Britain. Hospitals that perform lower than 100 procedures per year will inevitably have less experience and be more prone to make mistakes leading to higher death rates. Many of these low-performing hospitals are also small, for example, only had base surgeons in charge of pediatric heart surgery. Transferring surgeons instead of training dying patients might be a way of strengthening the field instead of moving it to a different location.

A Freedom of Information (FOI) inquiry into mortality rates. Because of this, the Society of Thoracic Surgeons estimated children mortality rates ranging from 0.4 to 3.5 percent in 187 hospitals, including St. Mary’s. Only 47 of those hospitals, which had the highest income, were able to cease their death rates. Health care has become more accessible to everyone, but it is only that the lowest 10 minutes were devoted to patients.

These prototypes hospitals to stop performing pediatric heart surgery was found at Children’s Heart Foundation, a health services firm, created a list of 19 hospitals that had the highest expenses but little volume. These hospitals are known to have the highest cut-off rates or amount of money spent spread throughout the U.S. The list followed suit. Many of these hospitals had adopted their programs, families might have to travel elsewhere to get their child medical treatment.

Some private insurance companies, such as Aetna, United Healthcare, and Optum, do not accept these centers as in-network. Although the expenses are covered, this would take a toll on the patient, and some families might have to travel elsewhere to get their child medical treatment.

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One of the riskier operations with the Children’s Heart Foundation. The average cost of attending medical school is around $300,000. Students training in this field should receive some sort of support. This is an alternative repayment program that would be less burdensome, especially if retraining or new technology is necessary.

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Public prayer under federal scrutiny

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Raleigh, N.C. — A federal appeal court will consider whether county commissioners in North Carolina violated the Constitution by leading Christian prayers at their meetings and asking audience members to join in them.

The U.S. Fourth Circuit Court of Appeals will consider arguments Tuesday of groups demanding a constitutional separation of church and state.

The four-judge panel will hear from government attorneys that North Carolina is among 10 states that have constitutional amendments explicitly permitting the “people” to lead prayers at public meetings.

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There is a key difference between the two cases. Roman Catholic officials lead the prayers themselves, while the Town Board in Rowan County asks local clergy to lead them up to a minute before turning the floor over to others to speak.

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Flamengos in European competition. The first team, formed by students and faculty, has faced legal challenges and restrictions, leading to a series of protests and legal battles. The team has been forced to participate in competitions under various conditions, including being denied access to training facilities and facing discrimination and harassment. The group's persistence and determination have brought attention to the issues of cultural identity and the rights of students to participate in extracurricular activities. The Flamengos' struggle continues as they fight for recognition and equal opportunities in the world of sport.
Baylor Opera Theater’s production of “Die Fledermaus” the program’s first show of the year, will debut 7:30 p.m. today in the Jesse H. Jones Theater.

“The Fledermaus,” translated into English as “The Bat,” is a German farce written by Austrian composer Johann Strauss. Baylor’s production will feature Students from the School of Music’s vocal division accompanied by the musicians of the Baylor Symphony Orchestra. The orchestra is conducted by assistant professor Jeffrey Peterson, while the stage direction is by Assistant Professor Oona Carabine.

“The Fledermaus” takes place on New Year’s Eve. It follows the main character, Eisenstein, as he avoids his prison sentence, determined instead to attend the city’s most successful New Year’s Eve party. The entire cast of vibrant characters is drawn into the main character’s scheme.

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The No. 17 Baylor men's basketball team will face the Oklahoma State Cowboys at the Ferrell Center at 8 p.m. Friday night.

The Bears (15-4, 5-2) are looking to improve after falling short to the No. Oklahoma State on Saturday at the Ferrell Center, 82-72.

Baylor lost its way with turnovers and ineffective defense against the Sooners’ clinical offense.

“I don’t think we expected them at all,” senior forward Taurean Prince after the loss to the Sooners.

“We didn’t have a lot of defensive breakdowns. We did a bad job of making sure we were in the right place at the right time. That’s on us.”

The Bears were unable to overcome the mountainous task they faced on the Oklahoma game. Baylor lost not only ranked births from first place in the Big 12 standings, but it also handed the Bears their first home loss of the season.

However, head coach Scott Drew said his team is one of the best at putting losses behind and moving forward.

“I think first it shows you that you have a resilient group, a competitive group, and also a team with a short-term memory,” Drew said. “If you worry too much about the last game, you are undermining your issues. We are on to the next one and making sure we put our next foot forward.”

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Lady Bears return home, host Tech

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Looking to add on to their home win streak, the No. 4 Baylor Lady Bears look to take on Texas Tech at 7 p.m. today at the Ferrell Center.

With a win against Texas Tech, the Lady Bears could secure their 16th consecutive 20-win season, an ongoing Big 12 record.

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