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Each quarter, I round up and highlight some of my favorite articles written by Mitchell experts and let you know where we have been published outside of our mPower thought leadership website. This quarter, we were featured in PropertyCasualty360 where Executive Vice President and General Manager Nina Smith explained how data and technology can help improve claims decision making and outcomes. Below I've included a link to Nina's article and a list of my other favorite articles from this quarter!

Seeing the Full Picture of a Claim

By Nina Smith

Every decision matters when handling an auto casualty or workers' compensation claim. A poor decision could cause a delay in helping an injured worker get back to work, while a well-informed choice could help an auto insurance claimant receive compensation for their injuries sooner rather than later. Having a comprehensive perspective into all of the events and details surrounding a claim is powerful—since good data often provide actionable insights to drive better decision-making, which usually results in better outcomes to help restore lives. Appeared on [PropertyCasualty360.com](#)

The Art of Creating a Physician Peer Review Panel

By Jackie Payne and Kat Atkins

Creating a physician peer review panel is like solving a puzzle—it comes together only after reviewing the landscape, discerning what is important, and identifying what resources are available. In this article, learn what key areas to focus in on when creating a physician peer review panel. Appeared on [ClaimsJournal.com](#)

Recent Efforts to Stop the Opioid Epidemic: Enough to Move the Needle?

By Mitch Freeman

Drug overdoses in the U.S. rose to 72,000 in 2017. Of those overdoses, nearly 49,000 were associated with opioids, whether synthetic or natural. In response, many states moved to enact new legislation related to the prescribing of opioids, the House and Senate passed an omnibus opioid bill and the DEA proposed a reduction in the opioid manufacturing quota for 2019. Are these steps enough to make a dent in the increasingly concerning epidemic affecting the United States? Appeared on [WorkCompWire.com](https://www.workcompwire.com)

OH CANNABIS! Canada Legalizes Recreational Marijuana: What Might that Mean for the U.S.?

By Brian Allen

On October 17, 2018, Canada became the second major country in the world to allow the sale of legalized recreational marijuana to all adults age 19 and older (18 and older in Quebec and Alberta). The new law may have impacts on the United States, including the marijuana costs and the black market, border enforcement, and more. Appeared on [WorkCompCentral.Blogspot.com](https://www.workcompcentral.blogspot.com)



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