

Patient Safety in Medicine

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Patient Safety Background

- 44,000 to 98,000 Americans die each year because of errors
- 80% of errors are system derived
- Errors of commission 3 in 1000 = 0.3%
- Errors of omission 10 in 1000 = 1.0%
- Errors are under-reported

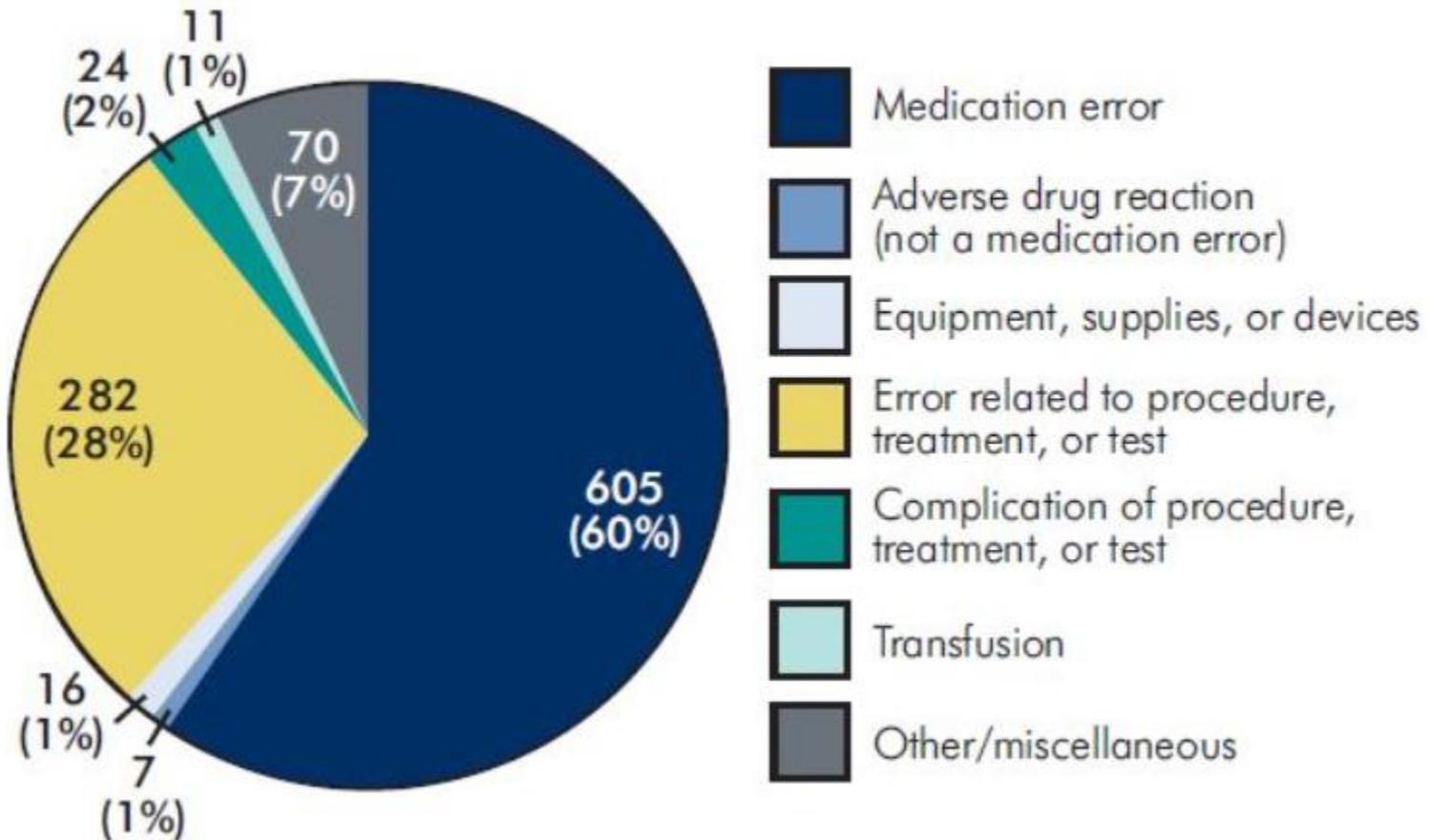
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What can go wrong?

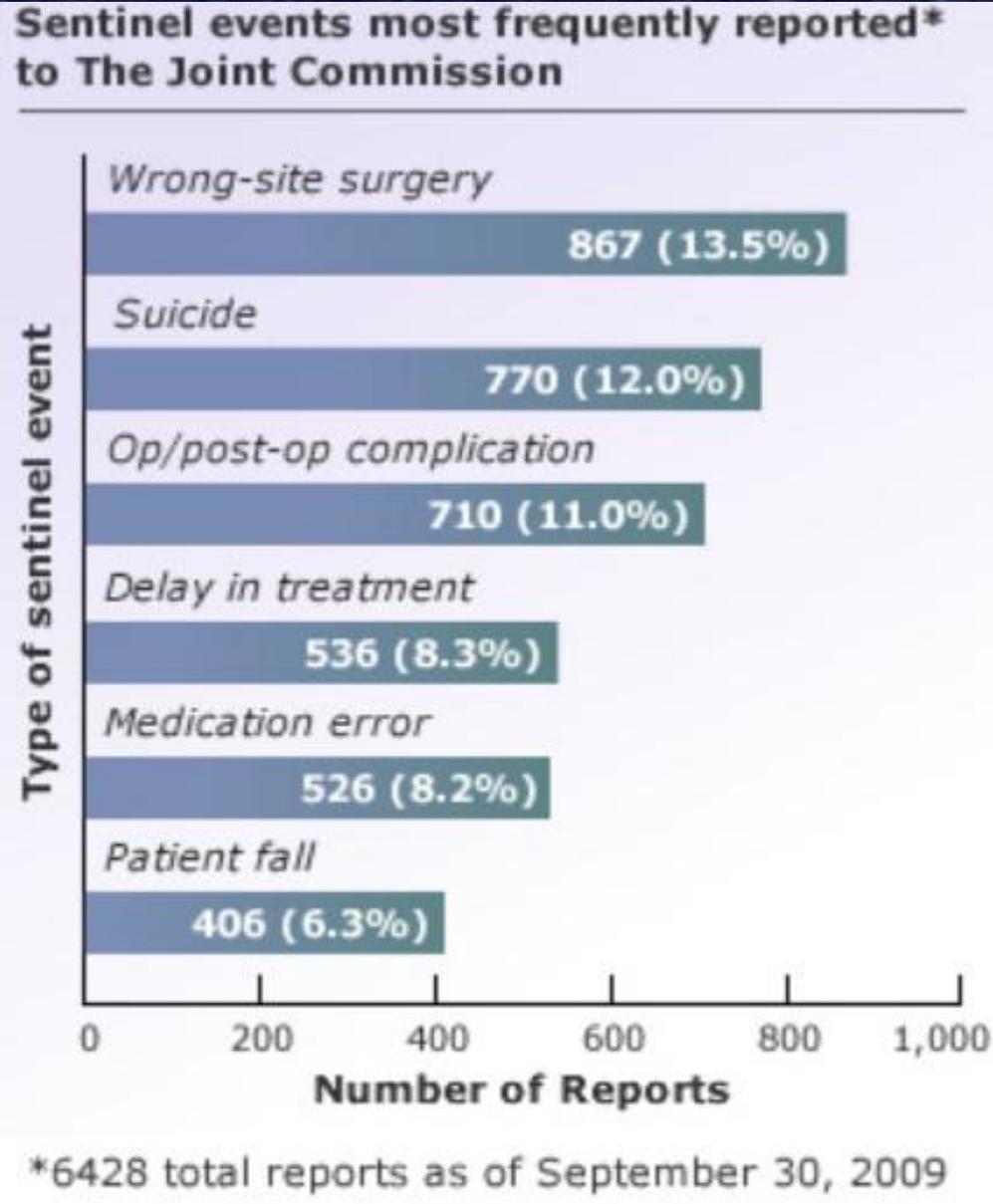
- **Missed and delayed diagnoses**
- **Treatment errors**
- **Medication errors**
- **Delayed reporting of results**
- **Miscommunication during transfers and transition of care**
- **Inadequate post-operative care**
- **Mistaken identity**

Patient Safety Type of Errors

Figure. Event Reports to the Pennsylvania Patient Safety Authority Attributed to Distraction, by Event Type, 2010 through 2011

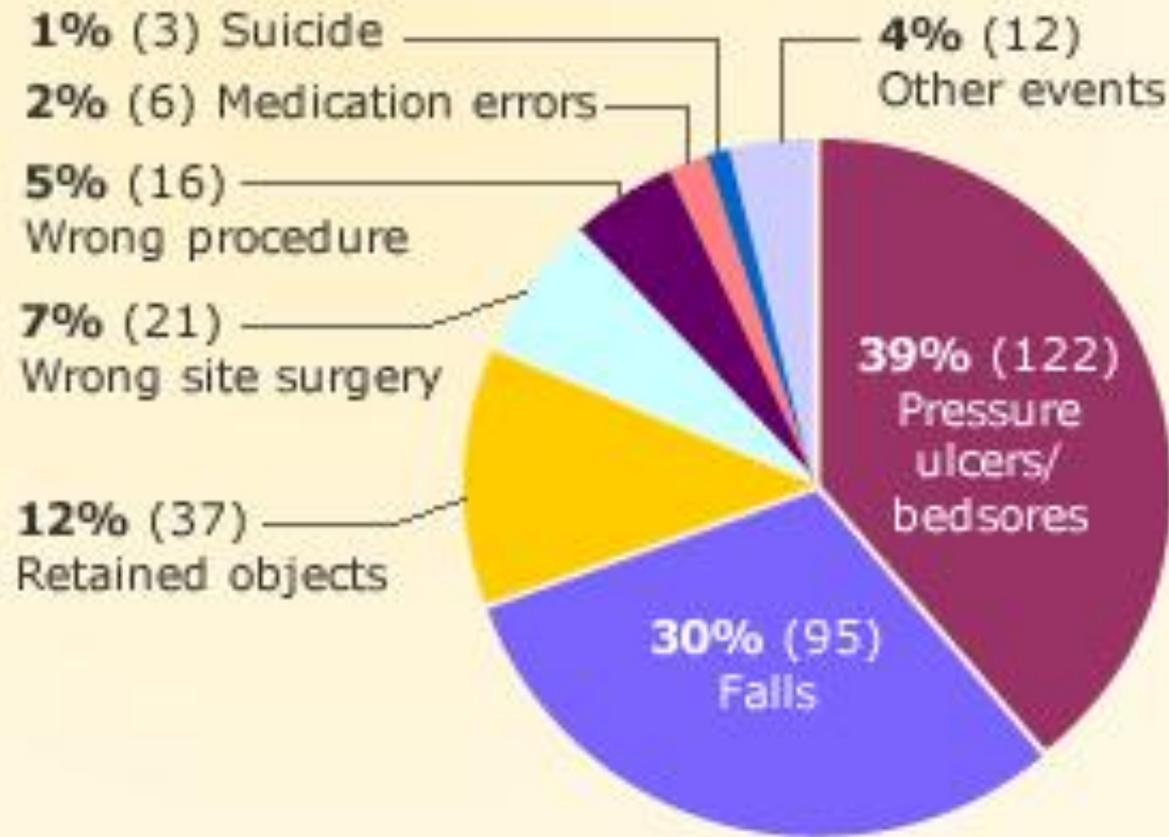


Patient Safety - 'Never'-Events



Patient Safety – ‘Never’ Events in MN

Distribution of the 312 “never events” reported to the Minnesota Department of Health in 2007-2008

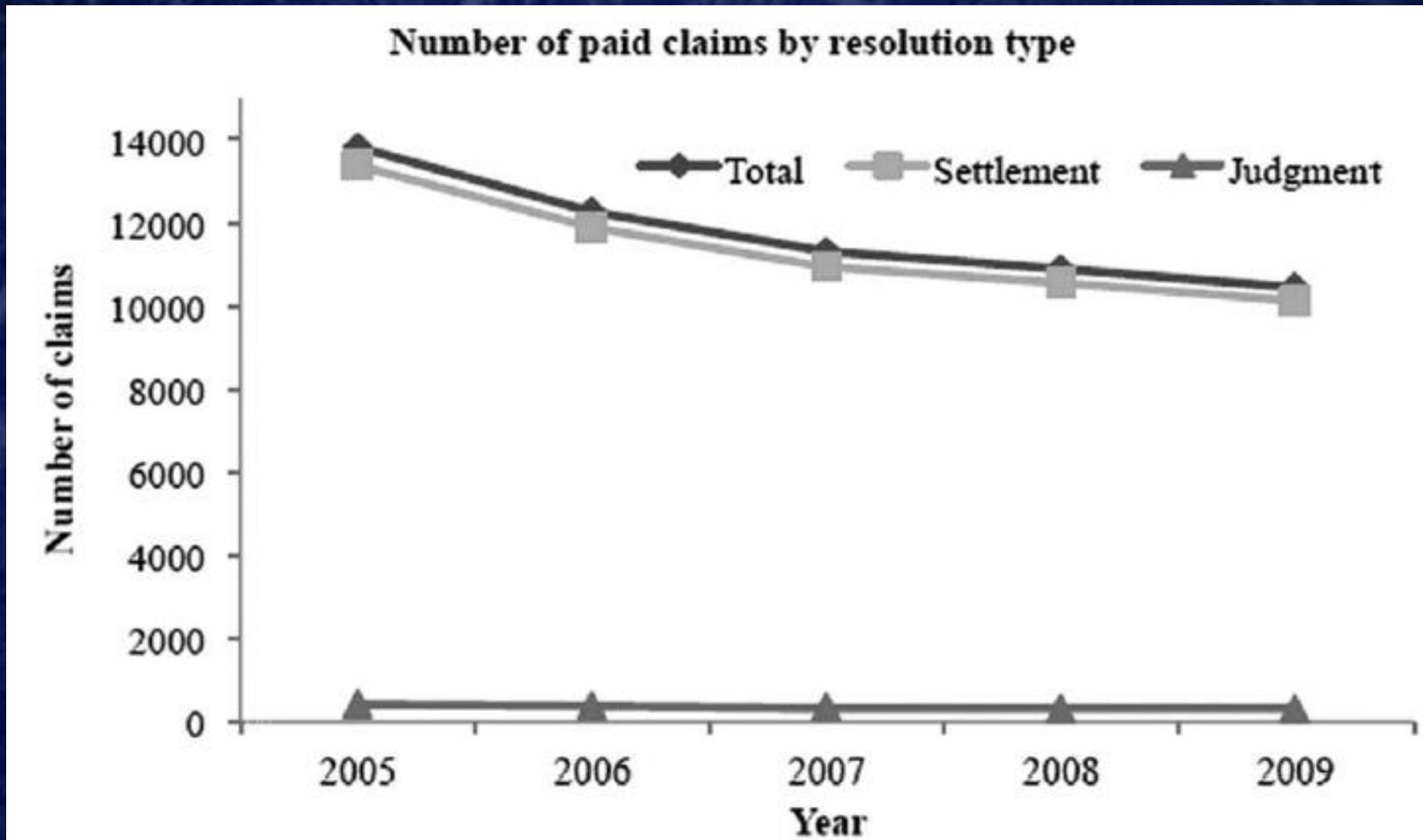


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The Cost of Medical Errors

- Institute of Medicine estimate
\$17,000,000,000 – 29,000,000,000/year
- Adverse drug events increase LOS by 4.6 days @ \$4,685/day; 6.5 events per 100 admissions, 28% preventable
- NBS infection leads to ~7 days of LOS @ \$3,700 - \$29,000 per event
- **Low nursing turn-over (6.3%) leads to \$45,000-\$68,000 savings/nurse/year**

Patient Safety Settlements



Patient Safety Conundrum

The Probability of Success

Number of Steps	0.95	0.990	0.999	0.9999999
1	0.95	0.990	0.999	0.99999
25	0.28	0.78	0.98	0.998
50	0.08	0.61	0.95	0.995
100	0.006	0.37	0.90	0.990

Filling a prescription ~ 40-60 steps

The Right Question to Ask

Who made
What
Happened?

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From Blame to Reliability Concept

- Patients undergoing the intended tests
- Patients receiving the intended medication
- Patient receiving the appropriate and desired information
- Patients undergoing the procedures at the appropriate time **AND in accordance with their value and preference**

Patient Safety Institutional Initiatives I

- **Address strategic priorities, culture and infrastructure**
- **Engage key stakeholders**
- **Communicate and build awareness**
- **Establish, oversee, and communicate system-level aims**
- **Track/measure performance over time, fine-tune analysis**

Patient Safety Institutional Initiatives II

- **Support staff and patients /families impacted by medical errors**
- **Align system-wide activities and incentives**
- **Redesign systems and improve reliability**
- **Perform these steps in regular intervals!**

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Safeguarding Against Errors

- Analyze processes on regular basis in a culture of learning, not blaming
- Minimize number of steps = **simplify!**
- Build in checkpoints
- Engage the patient in the health care process, encourage questions

Patient Safety Summary

- Adverse events are rarely intentional
- Errors are more common than anticipated
- Errors of omission occur 3x more often than errors of commission
- Medical errors are costly, not just from the human aspect
- Errors are nearly always system related

Patient Safety Conclusion

- Create a professional environment of psychological stability
- Avoid the 'blame-game', instead create an inquisitive state of mind
- Analyze processes regularly, recognize high risk areas
- Involve leadership at highest level
- Make safety a high priority
- Simplify, **simplify**, **simplify**, **simplify**!

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