

A Deeper View into Patient Safety and Negligence

PATIENT SAFETY AND HEALTH-CARE NEGLIGENCE

Adverse events due to unsafe patient care is likely one of the Top 10 leading causes of death and disability in the world.

'Medical Negligence' is the improper or unskilled treatment of a patient by a medical practitioner.

One in every 10 patients in high-income countries is harmed while receiving hospital care.

134 million adverse events occur each year due to unsafe care in hospitals in low- and middle-income countries.

4 out of 10 Patients are harmed globally in the primary and ambulatory settings.

Nearly 50% of these adverse events are preventable.

THE INDIAN SCENARIO!

52 lakh medical injuries are recorded every year in India out of which 98,000 people in the country lose their lives in a year because of medical negligence.

10 people fall victim to medical negligence every minute and more than 11 people die every hour in the country due to this medical error.

TYPES OF MEDICAL NEGLIGENCE

<p>MEDICATION ERRORS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Leading cause of injury Avoidable harm 	<p>HEALTHCARE-ASSOCIATED INFECTIONS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> HIGH-INCOME COUNTRY: 7 Patients / 100 patients AFFECTED LOW-INCOME COUNTRY: 10 patients / 100 patients AFFECTED 	<p>UNSAFE SURGICAL CARE PROCEDURES IN UP TO 25% OF PATIENTS.</p> <p>7 million suffer complications annually. 1 million of whom die during or immediately following surgery</p>
<p>UNSAFE INJECTIONS PRACTICES</p> <p>9.2 million years of life lost to disability and death worldwide.</p>	<p>DIAGNOSTIC ERRORS</p> <p>Most people will suffer a diagnostic error in their lifetime.</p>	<p>UNSAFE TRANSFUSION PRACTICES</p> <p>8.7 serious reactions per 100 000 people reported globally</p>
<p>RADIATION ERRORS</p> <p>The overall incidence of radiation errors is around 15 per 10 000 treatment courses. 1. overexposure to radiation 2. wrong-patient and wrong-site identification.</p>	<p>SEPSIS</p> <p>Affects around 31 million people worldwide and causes around 5 million deaths per year .</p>	<p>VENOUS THROMBOEMBOLISM (BLOOD CLOTS)</p> <p>Annually, there are an estimated 3.9 million cases in high-income countries and 6 million cases in low- and middle-income countries.</p>



OTHER ERRORS

UNSAFE TRANSFUSION ERRORS

RADIATION ERRORS

SEPSIS

THROMBOEMBOLISM

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