

IOWANS' VIEWS ON MEDICAL ERRORS*

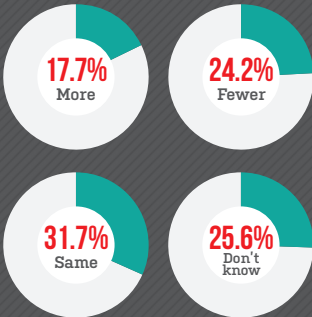
IOWANS' EXPERIENCES WITH MEDICAL ERRORS

18.8%

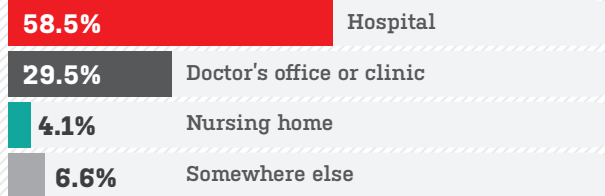
IOWA RESIDENTS REPORTING A MEDICAL ERROR IN PAST FIVE YEARS



PREVALENCE OF MEDICAL ERRORS IN IOWA COMPARED TO FIVE YEARS AGO:
(Public Attitudes)



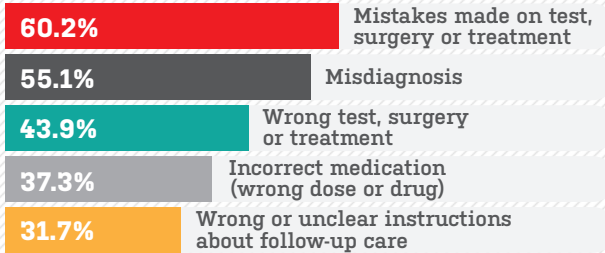
LOCATION OF ERRORS:



RESULT FROM MEDICAL ERROR:



TOP FIVE MOST COMMON TYPE OF MEDICAL ERRORS:



"Nearly every person will experience a diagnostic error in their lifetime." - Institute of Medicine (September 2015)

INFORMED BY MEDICAL STAFF OF ERROR?

Yes - 39.1%
No - 59.5%

DID IOWANS REPORT ERROR?

Yes - 61.5%
No - 32.9%

WAS MEDICAL ERROR PREVENTABLE? (Public Attitudes)

Yes - 89.6%
No - 7.4%
Don't know - 3%

88.9% MOST IMPORTANT REASON WHY IOWANS REPORTED ERROR:

Prevent same error from occurring in the future

65.7% MOST IMPORTANT REASON WHY IOWANS DID NOT REPORT ERROR:

Would not do any good

LEAST IMPORTANT REASON WHY IOWANS REPORTED ERROR:

Receive compensation for harm

24.6%

LEAST IMPORTANT REASON WHY IOWANS DID NOT REPORT ERROR:

Afraid doctor would stop future care

10.5%

SHOULD PROVIDERS REPORT ERRORS?

GENERAL PUBLIC SHOULD HAVE ACCESS TO INFORMATION ABOUT ALL TYPES OF MEDICAL ERRORS



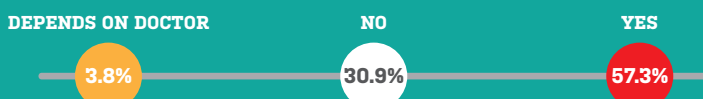
IOWA HOSPITALS SHOULD BE REQUIRED TO REPORT ALL MEDICAL ERRORS TO STATE AGENCY



ALL PROVIDERS SHOULD TELL PATIENTS IF MEDICAL ERROR OCCURRED



WOULD PERSONAL DOCTOR TELL YOU IF ERROR OCCURRED?



IOWANS' PERCEPTIONS ON POTENTIAL CAUSES THAT CONTRIBUTE TO MEDICAL ERRORS (TOP FIVE):

(Four-point scale: 1=Not at all important, to 4=Very important)



*Iowa Patient Safety Study:
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