Subject: Medical Mistakes
Posted by DeWayne on Mon, 25 Feb 2008 09:20:40 GMT
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After reading a moderator here threatening to give the boot to someone, I hesitate to even post this, but here goes anyway. Here is an article in possibly the most prestigious medical journal in existence today, JAMA. So please don't say this is my opinion
The reason I'm posting this is that in reading the Tomax7 site many are soooo concerned over the FA deaths. Oddly I didn't see anyone mention the MILLIONS who have died at the hands of doctors and hospitals.

Doctors Are The Third Leading Cause of Death in the US, Causing 225,000 Deaths Every Year

This article in the Journal of the American Medical Association (JAMA) is the best article I have ever seen written in the published literature documenting the tragedy of the traditional medical paradigm.

If you want to keep updated on issues like this click here to sign up for my free newsletter.

This information is a followup of the Institute of Medicine report which hit the papers in December of last year, but the data was hard to reference as it was not in peer-reviewed journal. Now it is published in JAMA which is the most widely circulated medical periodical in the world.

The author is Dr. Barbara Starfield of the Johns Hopkins School of Hygiene and Public Health and she desribes how the US health care system may contribute to poor health.

ALL THESE ARE DEATHS PER YEAR:

* 12,000 -- unnecessary surgery
* 7,000 -- medication errors in hospitals
* 20,000 -- other errors in hospitals
* 80,000 -- infections in hospitals
* 106,000 -- non-error, negative effects of drugs

These total to 225,000 deaths per year from iatrogenic causes!!

What does the word iatrogenic mean? This term is defined as induced in a patient by a physician's activity, manner, or therapy. Used especially of a complication of treatment.

Dr. Starfield offers several warnings in interpreting these numbers:

* First, most of the data are derived from studies in hospitalized patients.
* Second, these estimates are for deaths only and do not include negative effects that are associated with disability or discomfort.
* Third, the estimates of death due to error are lower than those in the IOM report.

If the higher estimates are used, the deaths due to iatrogenic causes would range from 230,000 to 284,000. In any case, 225,000 deaths per year constitutes the third leading cause of death in the United States, after deaths from heart disease and cancer. Even if these figures are overestimated, there is a wide margin between these numbers of deaths and the next leading cause of death (cerebrovascular disease).

Another analysis concluded that between 4% and 18% of consecutive patients experience negative effects in outpatient settings,with:

* 116 million extra physician visits
* 77 million extra prescriptions
* 17 million emergency department visits
* 8 million hospitalizations
* 3 million long-term admissions
* 199,000 additional deaths
* $77 billion in extra costs

The high cost of the health care system is considered to be a deficit, but seems to be tolerated under the assumption that better health results from more expensive care.

However, evidence from a few studies indicates that as many as 20% to 30% of patients receive inappropriate care.

An estimated 44,000 to 98,000 among them die each year as a result of medical errors.

This might be tolerated if it resulted in better health, but does it? Of 13 countries in a recent comparison, the United States ranks an average of 12th (second from the bottom) for 16 available health indicators. More specifically, the ranking of the US on several indicators was:

* 13th (last) for low-birth-weight percentages
* 13th for neonatal mortality and infant mortality overall
* 11th for postneonatal mortality
* 13th for years of potential life lost (excluding external causes)
* 11th for life expectancy at 1 year for females, 12th for males
* 10th for life expectancy at 15 years for females, 12th for males
* 10th for life expectancy at 40 years for females, 9th for males

* 7th for life expectancy at 65 years for females, 7th for males
* 3rd for life expectancy at 80 years for females, 3rd for males
* 10th for age-adjusted mortality

The poor performance of the US was recently confirmed by a World Health Organization study, which used different data and ranked the United States as 15th among 25 industrialized countries.

There is a perception that the American public "behaves badly" by smoking, drinking, and perpetrating violence." However the data does not support this assertion.

* The proportion of females who smoke ranges from 14% in Japan to 41% in Denmark; in the United States, it is 24% (fifth best). For males, the range is from 26% in Sweden to 61% in Japan; it is 28% in the United States (third best).
* The US ranks fifth best for alcoholic beverage consumption.
* The US has relatively low consumption of animal fats (fifth lowest in men aged 55-64 years in 20 industrialized countries) and the third lowest mean cholesterol concentrations among men aged 50 to 70 years among 13 industrialized countries.

These estimates of death due to error are lower than those in a recent Institutes of Medicine report, and if the higher estimates are used, the deaths due to iatrogenic causes would range from 230,000 to 284,000.

Even at the lower estimate of 225,000 deaths per year, this constitutes the third leading cause of death in the US, following heart disease and cancer.

Lack of technology is certainly not a contributing factor to the US's low ranking.

* Among 29 countries, the United States is second only to Japan in the availability of magnetic resonance imaging units and computed tomography scanners per million population. 17
* Japan, however, ranks highest on health, whereas the US ranks among the lowest.
* It is possible that the high use of technology in Japan is limited to diagnostic technology not matched by high rates of treatment, whereas in the US, high use of diagnostic technology may be linked to more treatment.
* Supporting this possibility are data showing that the number of employees per bed (full-time equivalents) in the United States is highest among the countries ranked, whereas they are very low in Japan, far lower than can be accounted for by the common practice of having family members rather than hospital staff provide the amenities of hospital care.

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http://www.mercola.com/2000/jul/30/doctors_death.htm

Subject: Re: Medical Mistakes
Posted by Derick N. on Mon, 25 Feb 2008 21:40:44 GMT
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Nice find Brother. I can use this information for sure.

Hopefully the owner and moderators here are big enough to tolerate everyones opinions, however unpopular.

Subject: Re: Medical Mistakes
Posted by DeWayne on Tue, 26 Feb 2008 16:12:22 GMT
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I tried to post part of this info on the Tomax7 site but I didn't see it posted.

Subject: Re: Medical Mistakes
Posted by Duncan on Tue, 26 Feb 2008 16:26:40 GMT
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DeWayne,
Tomax site is not a true message/discussion board like this one or FactNet. It is more like a board where the moderator posts FA experiences, both good and bad. He did not set it up for discussions on various topics.

Duncan

Subject: Re: Medical Mistakes
Posted by DeWayne on Tue, 26 Feb 2008 17:04:44 GMT
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Thanks for the info.

Subject: Re: Medical Mistakes
Posted by jacobs on Sun, 02 Mar 2008 00:53:21 GMT
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In 1973 doctors in Israel staged a month-long strike and during that month, mortality fell by 50 percent. A couple of years later, a two-month work stoppage by doctors in the Columbian capital of Bogotá led to a 35-percent decline in deaths. And during a â€œwork slowdownâ€• by doctors in Los Angeles protesting against the sharp increase in premiums for liability insurance, the number of deaths fell by 18 percent.

In 2000, doctors in Israel went on strike again. This time the death rate dropped by 39 percent.

Subject: Re: Medical Mistakes
Posted by william on Sun, 02 Mar 2008 04:10:33 GMT
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Thanks for posting the info jacobs...

I had heard about the first account but not the others. It certainly highlights the benefits of trusting in the Suffering Servant portrayed in Isaiah 53, the One who bore away our sicknesses and diseases!

Isa 53:1 Who hath believed our report? and to whom is the arm of the LORD revealed?
Isa 53:2 For he shall grow up before him as a tender plant, and as a root out of a dry ground: he hath no form nor comeliness; and when we shall see him, there is no beauty that we should desire him.
Isa 53:3 He is despised and rejected of men; a man of sorrows, and acquainted with grief: and we hid as it were our faces from him; he was despised, and we esteemed him not.
Isa 53:4 Surely he hath borne our griefs, and carried our sorrows: yet we did esteem him stricken, smitten of God, and afflicted.
Isa 53:5 But he was wounded for our transgressions, he was bruised for our iniquities: the chastisement of our peace was upon him; and with his stripes we are healed.
Isa 53:6 All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned every one to his own way; and the LORD hath laid on him the iniquity of us all.
Isa 53:7 He was oppressed, and he was afflicted, yet he opened not his mouth: he is brought as a lamb to the slaughter, and as a sheep before her shearers is dumb, so he openeth not his mouth.
Isa 53:8 He was taken from prison and from judgment: and who shall declare his generation? for he was cut off out of the land of the living: for the transgression of my people was he stricken.
Isa 53:9 And he made his grave with the wicked, and with the rich in his death; because he had done no violence, neither was any deceit in his mouth.
Isa 53:10 Yet it pleased the LORD to bruise him; he hath put him to grief: when thou shalt make his soul an offering for sin, he shall see his seed, he shall prolong his days, and the pleasure of the LORD shall prosper in his hand.
Isa 53:11 He shall see of the travail of his soul, and shall be satisfied: by his knowledge shall my

righteous servant justify many; for he shall bear their iniquities.
Isa 53:12 Therefore will I divide him a portion with the great, and he shall divide the spoil with the strong; because he hath poured out his soul unto death: and he was numbered with the transgressors; and he bare the sin of many, and made intercession for the transgressors.

Speaking of Isaiah 53... I'm not sure whether or not I mentioned it here, but I'm reading a book by a 17th century preacher by the name of James Durham. The book is a compilation of his 72 sermons on this very passage. For those interested, it is called Christ Crucified: 72 Sermons on Isaiah 53. It's a bargain at $30.

Here is a link if anyone is interested:

http://www.heritagebooks.org/bookstore/catalog/product_info. php?products_id=7535

Subject: Re: Medical Mistakes
Posted by DeWayne on Thu, 06 Mar 2008 19:07:42 GMT
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I wonder how many know that the FDA who approves the drugs of the big drug companies is practically owned by the drug companies. Many of those who sit on the FDA committees are employed by the drug companies. Talk about conflict of interest!

Subject: Re: Medical Mistakes
Posted by DeWayne on Thu, 06 Mar 2008 21:58:18 GMT
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Within the last year one or more of the top FDA officials stated publicly that the conflict of interest between the FDA and the drug companies is outrageous. I will have to do a little research to find it again.

Subject: Re: Medical Mistakes
Posted by DeWayne on Thu, 06 Mar 2008 22:14:25 GMT
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You can do a search for Dr. David Graham who has been with the FDA for 20 years. This will find

lots of very negative info on the FDA and drug companies.

Subject: Re: Medical Mistakes
Posted by jacobs on Fri, 07 Mar 2008 12:47:06 GMT
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Anyone so inclined to even take OTC medications needs to do a lot of research before taking anything. If pharmaceutical companies are involved, thereâ€™s always side effects, many times very serious side effects. If the pharmaceutical companies didnâ€™t essentially own the FDA, the majority of the drugs on the market wouldnâ€™t have ever seen the light of day.

Subject: Re: Medical Mistakes
Posted by DeWayne on Wed, 12 Mar 2008 00:38:10 GMT
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Hombre wrote on Sun, 02 March 2008 07:59.....well, apparently you fellows have never read Hezekiah 12:18.

It says:

'God heals through the doctors.'

Combine that Josiah 14:24:

'God helps those who help themselves.'

...and one wonders why anyone would believe otherwise.

Yessir, I was married to a nurse at one time. The stories I heard on a regular basis were astounding. Doctors who needed more money, scheduling unnecessary procedures to help pay for their house, car, girlfriends on the side...you name it. People working more hours than they should, and making mistakes because of it. Carelessness based upon minds distracted and occupied by other cares of this life. Nurses taking revenge on each other by sabotaging patients to force blame on their enemy. Wrong medications....forgetfulness.....on and on and on.....and that's just the human side of it...not even counting all of the ill effects of putting all sorts of chemistry into ones body.....

A lady we met in Indy told my wife that she went to a hospital to have 'natural' child birth. One of the nurses was so resentful toward her that she sewed her up after the birth and before the afterbirth came out, which is basically attempted murder.

Subject: Re: Medical Mistakes
Posted by reddmarie on Tue, 15 Jul 2008 03:49:00 GMT
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You're comparing apples to oranges.

Subject: Re: Medical Mistakes
Posted by reddmarie on Wed, 16 Jul 2008 03:26:39 GMT
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It was in response to the original post. Comparing 'dying while believing you wont', to ppl dying in a medical institution. That's what I was referring to.

Subject: Re: Medical Mistakes
Posted by reddmarie on Fri, 18 Jul 2008 03:04:41 GMT
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Thanks for your opinion:) Appreciate the response. I like a forum that doesn't demand 'agreement' in order to participate.

Subject: Re: Medical Mistakes
Posted by JWBTI on Wed, 17 Dec 2008 13:51:35 GMT
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Just a note:
On Dec 13,08 one of my employees had an operation on his leg,
after the surgery, this is what his wife noted to us : (She is an RN at a different Hosp)

She Said !.....
Yesterday I was NOT Very happy to view the 36 puncture sites in Phil's right wrist where the anesthesiologist had tried to place an arterial line during surgery!
Totally unacceptable! He never did get the line in & I think he should have stopped way before 36

sticks. He could have used the ultrasound machine to locate and view the artery but didnâ€™t.

I am fearful this has compounded the problem with the carpal tunnel. His wrist & thumb are bruised,swollen and the wrist is hard as a rock. Now he is experiencing increased areas of numbness
and pain in his fingers since the surgery.

She said this was TOTALLY UNACCEPTABLE!
K. B. RN Fort Wayne, In

Subject: Re: Medical Mistakes
Posted by grandom on Wed, 17 Dec 2008 21:49:48 GMT
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[quote title=Hombre wrote on Wed, 17 December 2008 11:27][quote t[/quote]

...according to my ex-nurse wife, there is a 2-stick rule. If someone can't get it in 2, they are to allow someone else to attempt it. 36 is unbelievable.

..butchooknow.....these people DON'T make mistakes.....LOLOLOL[/quote]

There is a two stick rule Hombre but that only applies to nurses and those blood suckers. Cant remember the proper title, but Drs. can stick it to you as often as you will let them.

Subject: Re: Medical Mistakes
Posted by grandom on Wed, 17 Dec 2008 22:45:46 GMT
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I have been reflecting on the mistakes of the medical system. I think by now most all of us are aware that going to Drs. And

Hospitals are very scary experiences that we don't want to experience. Not all have received the revelation of divine healing

And some that have choose not to trust the Lord the great physician. As Hombre has so capably said that is a decision that we

Each must decide if that`s the way we want to walk. Jesus said this is the way walk ye in it. Some do, most don`t.

My real concern is the biggest mistake people in the medical profession make is that their families particularly the children

Will never be taught about what the death of Jesus provided for them, if they are even taught about Jesus. They will never know

That Jesus died for their sins and that he healed them at calvary. If they are taught about Jesus they will learn that Jesus gives

Them the physician his talents and Jesus uses the Dr to heal thru them. I don't think that most in the medical field spend much time teaching

their families anything but materialistic pursuits, that by their absence . "Heres the keys to your Lexus honey. Don't do anything I wouldn't

Do", and there isnt much they wouldn't do. I know what I speak friends. My daughter is in the medical filed and I`ve seen first hand what

Goes on in Drs and nurses lives. As past history teaches us they will probably not only teach about the Lord but will most likely teach anti

Biblical principles." How did Grandpa die Daddy? Oh he got involved in a cult and they killed him with their teachings". Think that is far

Fetched? Think again. So you see there are tragic consequences both for patients and the family members of Medical science.Did I

Mention they kill millions of babies? Don't know if I made that declaration lately.

Jer 17:14 Heal me o Lord, and I shall be healed.

Blessings to all

Dick

Subject: Re: Medical Mistakes
Posted by grandom on Wed, 17 Dec 2008 23:43:36 GMT
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Alanbook wrote on Wed, 17 December 2008 16:49
Hey Grandom your last post (message 4395) was pretty funny.

Every once in a great while they let me out of my straight jacket Gary and I loose control.

Subject: Re: Medical Mistakes
Posted by grandom on Thu, 18 Dec 2008 00:08:09 GMT
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Hombre wrote on Wed, 17 December 2008 17:49grandom wrote on Wed, 17 December 2008 17:43
Every once in a great while they let me out of my straight jacket Gary and I loose control.

Ha-ha-ha!

You spelled that wrong, but it is funnier that way!

Lose: to misplace something.

Loose: as in the prayer of binding and loosing....

LOLOLOL

And thus you see the blushing smile.

My spell checker didnt read my mind. LOL

Subject: Re: Medical Mistakes
Posted by JWBTI on Thu, 18 Dec 2008 03:26:03 GMT

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Hombre:

In Ohio,my wife said they use the 3 stick rule!
She's got lots of nursing home stories too ! Bad ones !

Gary:
re Grandom:

(Every once in a great while they let me out of my straight jacket Gary and I loose control.)

I better stop by his place before work and Bind up that jacket.
This place wont be safe for any of us ! His wife will thank me !

Subject: Re: Medical Mistakes
Posted by JWBTI on Thu, 18 Dec 2008 12:31:39 GMT
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Gary,

If I can get by the dog, Iâ€™ll be okâ€¦.Pray for me, Iâ€™ll need it!

For 3 1/2 years My wife was operations manager and head nurse at a very
Prestigious nursing home, But that did NOT guarantee your safety and or protection
From the errors of Medical Science and or the stupidity of the doctors.There were
Times when she had to fight the doctors, refusing to follow their instructions, cause
She knew it would kill the patientsâ€¦..this happened way too often !

For reasons unknown, she was terminated from that position and her license went up
For review at state levelâ€¦..
Tho she has retained them , she is no longer in the medical field and God is working
Mightily in her life to deliver her from all that medical science has corrupted.