

# PATIENT SAFETY IS PARAMOUNT

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**98,000**

**Number of American who die each year from medical errors.**

*To Err is Human, November 1999.*

**80,000-160,000**

**Number of Americans who suffer permanent injury or death annually from misdiagnosis-related errors.**

*Diagnostic Errors More Common, Costly and Harmful than Treatment Mistakes; Johns Hopkins Medicine Institute of Medicine, 4/23/13*

**\$29 to \$38 billion**

**Cost of treating victims who suffer from permanent disabilities caused by medical errors each year.**

*VanGeest, Jonathan B., and Deborah S. Cummins, Ph.D., National Patient Safety Foundation, *An Educational Needs Assessment for Improving Patient Safety*.*

**18%**

**Percentage of hospital patients harmed by medical care, some more than once.**

Christopher P. Landrigan, M.D. et al. *Temporal Trends in Rates of Patient Harm Resulting from Medical Care*, N Engl J Med 2010.

**63.1%**

**Percentage of the injuries that were judged to be preventable.**

Christopher P. Landrigan, M.D. et al. *Temporal Trends in Rates of Patient Harm Resulting from Medical Care*, N Engl J Med 2010.

**Dead Last**

**U.S. ranks last among 7 countries on indicators of patient safety, efficiency, and equity.**

*Mirror, Mirror on the Wall*, How the Performance of the U.S. Health Care System Compares Internationally, The Commonwealth Fund, June 2010.

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