

Re: Medical malpractice is responsible for up to 98,000 deaths per year in the U.S.

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Greatcod@Yahoo.com (Greatcod) wrote in message
news:<caef409e.0408220634.4e632320@posting.google.com>...
> *My sense is that the deaths are merely the tip of the iceberg.*

Thank god we don't have to rely on your "sense."

But you happen to be right that these figures almost certainly underestimate the incidence of death by doctor.

The figures are thought to be at least 250,000 and doctors are thought to be the third leading cause of death in the US.

<http://www.nutritioninstituteofamerica.org/research/DeathByMedicine/DeathByMedicine1.htm>

The real question for Evidence based medicine to study is whether medicine overall does more harm than good, not just treatment by treatment.

And rather than relying on your "sense" we should advocate for such a study.

My guess is that we'd be better without doctors. More importantly, doctors should limit what they do to those few areas in which they help more than hurt. Hippocrates would require it!

So trauma care and whatever else these nincompoops do better than not.

>*How*

> *many patients are disabled or incapacitated by failure to diagnose,*
> *wrong diagnosis, failure to treat and inappropriate treatment? There*
> *is no count, as far as I know.*

As far as you know is not a long distance.

There are studies however that suggest that long term treatment does more harm than good. I don't agree with them but your statement that

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there are no numbers demonstrates once again your ignorance.

- >Lyme aside, in the last 10 years I have
- > paid increasing attention to the horror stories, stories I would have
- > dismissed as distorted
- > or untrue earlier in my life. Big Medicine does a great deal of good,
- > without question.

I think there is a legitimate question about whether "big medicine" whatever that means, does in fact do a great deal of good balanced against the harm we know that it does.

>But there is also a dark and destructive side to it.

Wow. I actually agree with a statement you made.

- > And the "Peers" seem utterly consciousnessless, almost psychotic about
- > it. The "Professional
- > Silence" is like the Mafia omerta. I guess in both cases, you have to
- > have "made your bones" to understand.

More of your blowing bubbles from your soap box. Why not actually learn something before you hold forth as an expert? Yeah I know, you'd hate to let facts stand in the way of your opinions.