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Remark : I have no figures for the UK. I hope british doctors are doing better.

More than 50,000 deaths in France. More than 250,000 United States. Against all odds, the weight of medical errors remains high mortality in rich countries. This study from Johns Hopkins (Baltimore), recalls, estimating medical errors as the third cause of death in the United States, after heart disease and cancer. Results, presented in the British Medical Journal, which reveal the considerable delay in the implementation of a culture of analysis of feedback, in the city or in the hospital, for advancing healthcare safety .

The researchers point out that the death registration system does not facilitate the identification of medical error deaths and the extent of the problem is most likely underestimated. Indeed, the US registration system, like 116 other states, including France, using the ICD system (International Classification of Disease) of WHO, which "offers" not among the causes of death, causes related to human factors. Thus, recent estimates range from 210,000 to 400,000 patient deaths each year in the United States.

By extrapolating the total number of admissions to US hospitals in 2013, researchers estimate by an average number of deaths from medical errors 251,454 per year in the US,

- Comparing their estimate the number of deaths from common causes, they feel that medical error deaths are the third leading cause of death more common,
- While taking into account the inevitable therapeutic risk, the researchers call for better finally take the measure of the magnitude of the problem and implement better systems of care security.

Reduce medical errors in 3 steps: with these figures, recommendations, including, make better traceable errors, including through death certificates, so as to prevent the earlier effects, predict taken into emergency medical expenses for responding quickly to errors, take into account human limitations (patients and caregivers) to reduce the risk of errors, work, especially in hospitals on the analysis of experience feedback, so do not make the same mistakes and to put in place the necessary safeguards.

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