

Iatrogenesis

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My most poignant confirmation to the reality of medical fallibility and iatrogenesis occurred when I was privileged to attend a lecture presented by the renowned Dr. Robert S. Mendelsohn M.D. Among many accolades he had 38 years of pediatric practice, was professor of preventive medicine at the University of Illinois School of Medicine and national director of Project Head Start Medical Consultation Service. He dedicated the last decade of his life warning people of the dangers inherent in the practice of modern medicine. Yes I know he has his detractors (almost all of the entire medical field) but I found him to be totally genuine; especially after personally getting to know him at a one on one luncheon.

Iatrogenic disease (iatro = medicine or physician; genic= caused) is a disease that the patient did not have but acquired from his doctor. Between 98,000 and 800,000 deaths occur each year as a result of doctor-caused diseases.

These are not random figures pulled out of thin air as are so many medical declarations. The low figure of 98,000 medical errors comes from the Institute of Medicine, which has received a lot of criticism for being unrealistically low. However, it is a figure which is accepted by the American Hospital Association so we will go with it. We then would have to add in 106,000 patients dying from correctly



prescribed drugs, which is not medical error, and way underreported. Another 115,000 die from bedsores, which they did not have prior to entering the hospital and 88,000 deaths from hospital acquired infections. So far we have only included hospital patients so we would have to add in outpatient statistics amounting to 199,000. We are already amassing large totals and we haven't even considered deaths from unnecessary procedures, surgeries, suicides from S.S.R.I depression drugs, vaccinations and etcetera. Even just holding to these low figures, iatrogenic diseases would place third in disease caused deaths in the United States behind only cardio vascular disease and cancer. (For more information click [here](#))

I present this information as a clear warning to not accept any mandates or even suggestions from the medical profession without doing personal research to determine its safety and or efficacy. I am certainly not suggesting medical abstinence because their skills and tools are unprecedented worldwide. However, my point is that everyone should gain sufficient knowledge

to wisely use the medical profession, accepting the good and rejecting the dangerous. Perhaps, one should only use their services in crises situations and for necessary procedures like surgeries.

All other health matters would more safely and effectively be cared for in the comfort of your own home. The training to care for yourself, family, neighbors and friends is available at home by enrolling and completing online courses from [the School of Natural Healing](#).

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