



Medication Errors:

Persistent, Prevalent, but Preventable

Medication errors are not just about mistakes made in taking medication.

Transfusion errors Surgical injuries Adverse drug events Under- and over-treatment Mistaken patient identities

Medication errors can also include:





~\$42 BILLION Global cost of medication errors

This number is higher than the GDP of many small nations.





1 in 10 medication errors are identified by patients or family members.







Informal bedside conversations and the 'teach-back' method help reduce medication errors.







Involve patients and caregivers. It might be the easiest way to avoid medication errors.

