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## **Old Facts Confirmed: Medical Errors Third Leading Cause of Death**

A presentation was done at ASPE this year that mentioned that medical error has been under the microscope since the publication in 1994 of *Human Error in Medicine* by Dr. Marilyn Sue Bogner, followed up in 1999 by the Institute of Medicine's *To Err is Human*. The IOM report found that almost 100,00 deaths per year were preventable as well as two-thirds of medical injuries were also preventable.

Though errors have dropped by one-third in that time, they still represent a too-sizeable proportion of deaths. The Washington Post article below continues the call for additional measures to reduce dramatically the statistics.

<https://www.washingtonpost.com/news/to-your-health/wp/2016/05/03/researchers-medical-errors-now-third-leading-cause-of-death-in-united-states/>

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