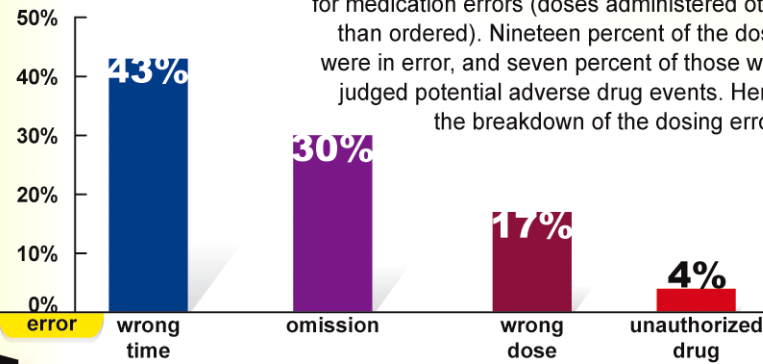


Study Finds 19% Error Rate in Dosing of Medications

Thirty-six health care facilities, including hospitals and nursing facilities, were examined for medication errors (doses administered other than ordered). Nineteen percent of the doses were in error, and seven percent of those were judged potential adverse drug events. Here's the breakdown of the dosing errors:



The authors concluded that the "error rates are likely to be understated because of the large proportion of facilities that declined to participate."

Source: Barker K; Flynn E; Pepper G; Bates D; Mikeal R. Medical errors observed in 36 health care facilities. *Arch Intern Med*, Sept. 9 2002;162:1897-1903.