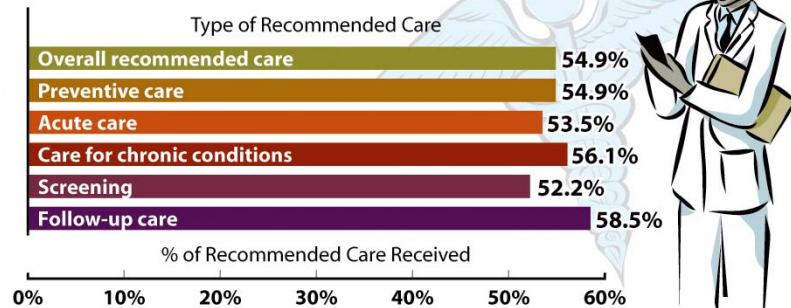


Cutting Corners With Patients' Health?

A landmark study published in *The New England Journal of Medicine* suggests that on average, Americans receive only about half the recommended medical tests, treatments and overall care.



So, are these disparities a reflection of poor patient compliance – or doctor incompetence?

SOURCE: McGlynn EA, Asch SM, Adams J, et al. The quality of health care delivered to adults in the United States. *The New England Journal of Medicine*, June 26, 2003;348(26), pp2635-45.