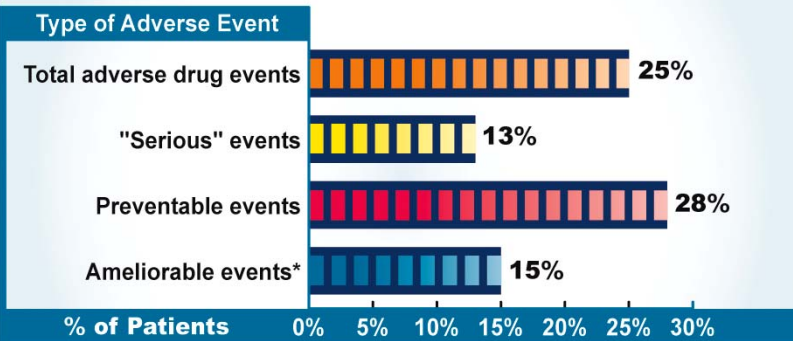


"Adverse Drug Events Common in Primary Care"

These chilling words come straight from the authors of a recent study designed to determine the rates, types, severity and preventability of adverse drug events in four adult primary-care practices in Boston (1,202 total patients):



* An ameliorable event is one that could have been improved and/or prevented.

Share these statistics with your patients, and urge them to discuss the potential risks and side-effects of medication use with their primary-care practitioners.

SOURCE: Gandhi TK, Weingart SN, Borus J, et al. Adverse drug events in ambulatory care. *The New England Journal of Medicine*, April 27, 2003;348(16), pp1556-64.