

The big question about the medical profession, media and parliament.

Medical patients entrusted their health and/or lives upon the advice of these seemingly trustworthy people. Many become victim to an epidemic of iatrogenic deaths and permanent harm. This betrayal exemplify misplaced trust.

Getting your head around the topic.

Iatro refers to physician - genesis refers to create. Iatrogenesis refers to unnecessary harm arising from medical treatment as distinct from the patient's disorder. 12 categories of iatrogenic harm are listed at the end of this item.

It is only when 12 categories are totalled that they amount to iatrogenesis being a/or the leading cause of death.

Please check your beliefs regarding the following:

The media and government ensure that Australia's public know about all 12 categories of iatrogenic deaths. True [] False []

Both the media and medical literature have reports of thousands of deaths occurring in individual categories of iatrogenic deaths. True [] False []

The government permits arrangements that allow transferring cause of death on death certificates from iatrogenesis to non-iatrogenic causes of death. True [] False []

The government annual Report about cause of death fails to publish a true and accurate annual report about the true number of deaths arising from all 12 categories of iatrogenic deaths. True [] False []

The media and the government combine to publish misleading data about Australia's true cause of death. True [] False []

Australia's true total annual iatrogenic toll is missing from the government annual Report about Cause of Death. True [] False []

The media and government news blackout about the epidemic magnitude of iatrogenic deaths ensures that Australia's public do not know that the iatrogenic epidemic is occurring. True [] False []

If the Report by Australia's government about cause of death was based upon a deception and did not include all 12 categories of iatrogenic deaths, our media would publish a full exposure of that deception. True [] False []

Australia's mainstream media is yet publish one article recognising all deaths occurring in the 12 categories of Australia's missing total iatrogenic death toll. True [] False []

The Role of Government

When speaking about terrorism laws, both the former and the current Prime Ministers claimed that a first priority of government is the protection of the public. That claim is true [] false [] T

Australia's parliaments are yet to publicly warn about either Australia's true total annual iatrogenic toll or our accumulated iatrogenic toll. True [] False []

Australia's parliaments are yet to publicly act to protect current and future medical patients from Australia's iatrogenic epidemic. True [] False []

Bodies charged with protecting patients from unnecessary medical risk such as AHPRA, its medical registration Board and the Commission for Quality and Safety in Health Care, have no accurate data relating to all iatrogenic deaths. True [] False []

The Role of the World Health Organisation WHO

Australia's use of the WHO guidelines for completing death certificates permits iatrogenic causes of death to be substituted for a non-iatrogenic causes of death. True [] False []

Thousands of media reported iatrogenic deaths are not truthfully reported on death certificates. True [] False []

The W.H.O.'s ICD-10 Cause-of-Death Lists for Tabulating Mortality Statistics cannot truthfully define Australia's full iatrogenic toll. True [] False []

The foregoing arrangements prevent our government and the public from knowing Australia's true total iatrogenic death toll. True [] False []

The foregoing arrangements assist participating governments in failing to reveal and so concealing their individual iatrogenic epidemics and collectively the iatrogenic pandemic. True [] False []

The Role of Australia's mainstream media

The mainstream media never publishes a portrayal of Australia's true total iatrogenic toll. True [] False []

The mainstream media never sounds an alarm about the missing true total iatrogenic toll being of epidemic magnitude. True [] False []

The mainstream media never exposes Australia's iatrogenic epidemic of permanent harm or death. True [] False []

The mainstream media has for decade's maintained total silence about the government's concealment of the iatrogenic epidemic. True [] False []

Has conducted a decade's long blackout about Australia's true total annual iatrogenic toll leaving both the term and concept of 'iatrogenesis' out of the public conversation. True [] False []

During the decade's long blackout, Australia's media has not published one overview of both Australia's missing total annual iatrogenic toll and Australia's accumulated iatrogenic toll. True [] False []

The mutual silence by government and the media creates an impression that there is no iatrogenic epidemic. True [] False []

While betraying the health interests of medical patients the mainstream media's absolute silence about Australia's full spectrum of medical harm serves to protect global medicine's massive vested interests. True [] False []

A realistic front of mind awareness of the epidemic level of risks associated with drugs and surgery could see a mass exodus from pharmacy based medicine to safer non-medical options of care. True [] False []

Medicine, government and the media share an informed mutual silence about the impending peril of iatrogenic harm to current and future public patients. True [] False []

The silence about Australia's true annual iatrogenic toll by both the informed government and media reflect a heinous, callous disregard for public safety. True [] False []

Article quotes:

The claim by Dr Liam Donaldson, the WHO envoy for patient safety about doing business with medicine: "*Millions of people die each year from medical errors and infections linked to health care.*"ⁱ is True [] False []

The claim by the investigative journalist John Archer's that public domain medical literature implied that in Australia: "*An epidemic which could affect up to 750,000 people and result in 50,000 deaths annually deserves to be a top research priority.*"ⁱⁱ Is True [] False []

An article in the Manly daily claimed that: *“Any type of direct treatment, whether traditional or more alternative remedial procedure, carries the same risks as more formal treatments.”* Is true [] False []

In the year of Archer’s 50,000 guesstimated iatrogenic deaths in Australia, the death toll arising from chiropractic care was zero. True [] False []

The claim by Null et al that: *“The most stunning statistic, however, is that the total number of deaths caused by conventional medicine is an astounding 783,936 per year. It is now evident that the American medical system is the leading cause of death and injury in the US.”* True [] False []

The claim by the British Medical Journal July 17 1999 *“Studies in Australia, Israel, the United Kingdom and elsewhere suggest levels of error and hazard in patient care that are no lower than in America.”* is True [] False []

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The claim from Canada re one of the twelve categories of iatrogenesis: *“It is not unreasonable to estimate that mistakes within the entire Canadian health system may be inadvertently or negligently killing 50,000 people a year or more rivaling heart disease and cancer as the greatest threats to life.”* Is True [] False []

Background.

The 12 categories of iatrogenesis are:

1 Adverse reactions to incorrectly prescribed drugs. 2. Adverse reactions to correctly prescribed drugs. 3. Errors (wrong site, wrong procedure, wrong patient) during surgery. 4. Medical error 5. Hospital-acquired infections 6. Bedsores 7. Malnutrition among hospitalized patients 8. Unnecessary medical procedures 9. Failure to properly diagnose 10. Misdiagnosis 11. Failure to correctly treat 12. Death arising from injury from therapeutic devices.

Dr Carmen Lawrence the then federal Minister for Health quoted a 1995 report relating to in-hospital iatrogenesis, *“It is of great concern to me that between 25,000 and 30,000 people would have experienced an adverse event that resulted in some degree of permanent disability, and between 10,000 and 14,000 people would have died.”*

Later, the former Prime Minister Rudd’s government inquiry into public health referred to only a segment of the full spectrum of iatrogenesis, stated that there are 4,550 in-hospital deaths due to medical mistakes in Australia annually.

The Australian Bureau of Statistics issues an annual report about what Australians die from. It is titled *“Cause of Death”*. No mention was made of those somewhere between 10,000 and 14,000 in hospital deaths and Archer’s 50,000 guesstimated total iatrogenic deaths.

Instead of twelve categories, the WHO’s classification of diseases uses two categories permitting the statement that: *“According to Causes of Death, Australia, 2007`complications of medical and surgical care` was the underlying cause of 259 deaths in 2007.”*

This is how illusionists hide an epidemic/pandemic.

The world health organisation’s guidelines re death certificates permits those thousands of death certificates which should bear an iatrogenic cause of death, to instead bear a non-iatrogenic cause of death.

That concealment allows the appalling reassurance that the source of the epidemic, public health is acceptably safe. Flawed ABS data denies patients accurate, true information about the magnitude of iatrogenic risk.

Illusionists within government and the media remain informed and silent about arrangements that for decades have caused an annual epidemic level of harm within public health to disappear from national statistics.

The price of concealing iatrogenic risk is obvious. If in all instances of iatrogenesis causing death those death certificates bore their true cause and accurate data was published about Australia's annual actual iatrogenic toll, tens of thousands of now dead and far more permanently harmed patients, may have sought a safer option.

The medical profession, media and parliament have a great deal to lose as more informed patients begin thinking the unthinkable.

Please feel welcome to find fault with this information and correct me, I live and learn.

Best wishes,
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ⁱ According to the article: Health Care Is 'High-Risk Business' from Reuters Health Information by Stephanie Nebel

ⁱⁱ Archer, John. Bad Medicine: How Safe Is Modern Medicine. Simon and Schuster Australia, East Roseville, NSW. 1995. P184