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Sent: Thursday, 08 April 2021 09:33  
To: Michael McKibbin  
Subject: Re: [SEC=OFFICIAL] Information about safety

Dear Michael

Thank you for your email to the NSQHS Standards Advice Centre.

The Australian Commission on Safety and Quality in Health Care was established to lead and coordinate national improvements in the safety and quality of health care. Our role is to provide health ministers with strategic advice on best practices to bring about these improvements. The Commission develops and supports national safety and clinical standards; formulates and implements national accreditation schemes; and develops national health-related data sets. The Commission is also working to reduce unwarranted variations in practice and outcomes for individuals and populations, and undertaking nationally coordinated action to address healthcare associated infections and antimicrobial resistance.

The Commission works in partnership with patients, carers, clinicians, the Australian, state and territory health systems, the private sector, managers and healthcare organisations to achieve a safe, high-quality and sustainable health system. Key functions of the Commission include: developing national safety and quality standards, developing clinical care standards to improve the implementation of evidence-based health care, coordinating work in specific areas to improve outcomes for patients, and providing information, publications and resources about safety and quality.

The Commission does not collect data on iatrogenic deaths but supports health service organisations to implement safety and quality systems. The data that you mentioned is collected by States and Territories and submitted to the Australian Bureau of Statistics as part of the National Death data collection.

Kind regards  
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On Thu, 8 Apr at 2:58 AM , Michael McKibbin <michael.mckibbin@attadalechiropractic.com> wrote:  
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Greetings, a question; how can your organisation advise on safety without knowing the iatrogenic morbidities and mortalities as a baseline?

Is it a fact that

- (1) No government body collects and collates Australia's annual iatrogenic death toll?
- (2) Evidence-based medicine never evidences its iatrogenic death toll?
- (3) There is a glaring disparity between the incidence of iatrogenic deaths suggested in the medical literature and the incidence of iatrogenic deaths reported on death certificates?
- (4) The WHO guidelines for signing death certificates permit that disparity?
- (5) That disparity permits the government Report, Cause of Death not to include iatrogenic deaths as a leading cause of death?

I look forward with interest in your reply,  
Sincerely, Michael McKibbin

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