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100,000 die each year from Adverse Drug Reactions

The April 15, 1998 issue of The Journal of the American Medical Association reports that Adverse Drug Reactions (ADRs) in hospitals may cause more than 100,000 deaths in the U.S. every year. This does not include ADR deaths outside hospitals such as those at home or in nursing homes.

The study, performed at the University of Toronto, found that 2,216,000 hospital patients experienced a serious ADR resulting in 106,000 deaths. This figure accounts for nearly 5% of all causes of recorded death in 1994. This makes Adverse Drug Reactions the fourth leading cause of death in the United States.

According to the U.S. Substance Abuse and Mental Health Administration, 5,212 Americans die each year from illegal drugs such as heroin and cocaine. This means that in the United States alone, properly prescribed and dispensed legal drugs kill 20 times the number of people that illegal drugs do.

"Many people would rather die
than think; in fact, most do."

- Bertrand Russell

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