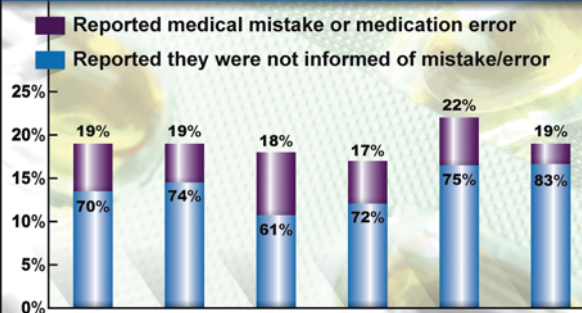


Medical Errors High, Accountability Low

A multinational survey of health care experiences by adult patients with health problems reveals broad perceived deficiencies in delivery of care, including reported medical mistakes, incorrect medication administration and dosing errors. Even more alarming is that the vast majority of patients who experienced a mistake/error reported they were "not told by doctors involved in [their] care about the medication or medical mistake."



SOURCE: Taking the pulse of health care systems: experiences of patients with health problems in six countries. *Health Affairs*, November 2005 (Web exclusive). Data extracted from the *Commonwealth Fund International Health Survey Policy of Sicker Adults 2005*.